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FINLAND WILL FIGHT ON

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")
Finland has issued a denial of reports that her troops will cease the advance when the lost territory has been fully recovered.

"Finland will not give up the battle," it was stated, "until the menace from the east is totally eliminated."

Six Leftist members of the Finnish Parliament have been arrested on a charge of high treason, it was announced in Helsinki.—International News Service.

MUSSOLINI ASKED TO FILL GAPS

M. Lozovsky, the spokesman, said in Moscow yesterday Hitler had appealed to Mussolini to fill the gaps caused by huge Nazi losses on the eastern front, says Reuter.

ODESSA CLAIM

Rumanian troops have captured the Odessa waterworks, which are outside the city, according to the German official news agency quoted by Reuter.

Public Announcement Heavy Attack In Bobruisk Sector

(By "Annalist")

THE FIRST OFFICIAL HINT THAT THE SOVIET HIGH COMMAND IS TAKING THE OFFENSIVE IN SOME SECTORS ON THE EASTERN FRONT MAY BE CONTAINED IN YESTERDAY'S RUSSIAN COMMUNIQUE, WHICH VARIES THE LANGUAGE CONSISTENTLY USED IN THE PAST AND NOW REFERS TO THE SOVIET ARMY "WAGING BATTLES" ALONG THE ENTIRE FRONT.

This formula may purposely be vague to cover both the "stern resistance" which has been the common lot of the Russian army in the past 11 weeks and the "counter-attacks" to which the Russians are loath to commit themselves publicly.

Authoritative quarters in London are still without any direct confirmation of the reported counter-attacks and are able merely to content themselves with such a deduction or to assume that as these reports emanate chiefly from German sources they may be merely an over-subtle form of Nazi propaganda designed to provide excuses to the German people for the lack of any recent German advance.

Rather naturally the German High Command does not subscribe to these stories but contents itself with the assertion that operations are proceeding according to plan—a claim which can hardly be reconciled with the vigorous counter-action by its enemy.

Hopeful Aspect

It is difficult under the circumstances yet to appreciate the situation, the most hopeful aspect of which may truly be, as reports from Stockholm yesterday asserted, that both the Russian and German armies appear to be engaged in a more stationary struggle than at any stage since the Stalin defence line was claimed by the Germans to have been pierced in July.

It is likely that before long some concrete territorial gain or circumstantial account of the progress of the struggle will emerge from either side to elucidate the state of the main German threat—to Leningrad—or the apparent Soviet threat directed by Marshal Timoshenko to both flanks of von Boeh's army holding the German front from Smolensk to the northern boundary of the Pripiet Marshes.

Bobruisk Battle

On the Nazi right flank the Russians are reported to have made a strong thrust along the Rogachev-Bobruisk road, which may be confirmed by the German mention of fighting in Bobruisk itself.

Japan Worries Nazis

Anxiety is felt in Germany about Japan's present attitude towards the world situation, according to the Berlin correspondent of the "Basler Nachrichten."

Cause of this anxiety, he says, are reports circulating that Mr. Matsuoka, one of the sponsors of the Tripartite Pact with the Axis, resigned from the post of Foreign Minister in favour of Admiral Toyoda in order to give the latter an opportunity of bringing about a Japanese-American understanding.

It is admitted that Admiral Toyoda has always advocated good relations with the United States.—Reuter.

JAPANESE DISPLAY OF ILL FEELING

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

Harrowing tales of mistreatment and severe anti-foreign discrimination were related in Shanghai yesterday by travellers on board the "Tatuta Maru" which arrived from Kobe on Saturday.

Travellers revealed they were forced to sign numerous permits before leaving the country and many were forced to leave minus their baggage owing to severe restrictions on luggage.

Several Marine officers arrived in Shanghai without a single piece of luggage. Many trunks were thrown from the ship by the Japanese onto the wharf at Kobe before the ship sailed.

This discrimination was not only against British and Americans but was also directed against German and Italian passengers, indicating a general anti-foreign attitude. Americans still remaining in Japan are anxious to leave but are meeting great difficulty in obtaining permission.—International News Service.

QUISLINGS SHOW IMPROVEMENT

The condition of both Pierre Laval and Marcel Deat continues to show considerable improvement, stated the Vichy news agency last evening.—Reuter.

Premier recently lightened his own burden of departmental duties by relinquishing three portfolios—Defence, Foreign Affairs and Interior. Meanwhile Bangkok is going ahead with A.R.P. and air raid shelters are under construction in many open sites in the centre of the city and parks on the city's outskirts.—Reuter.

Premier Takes Control

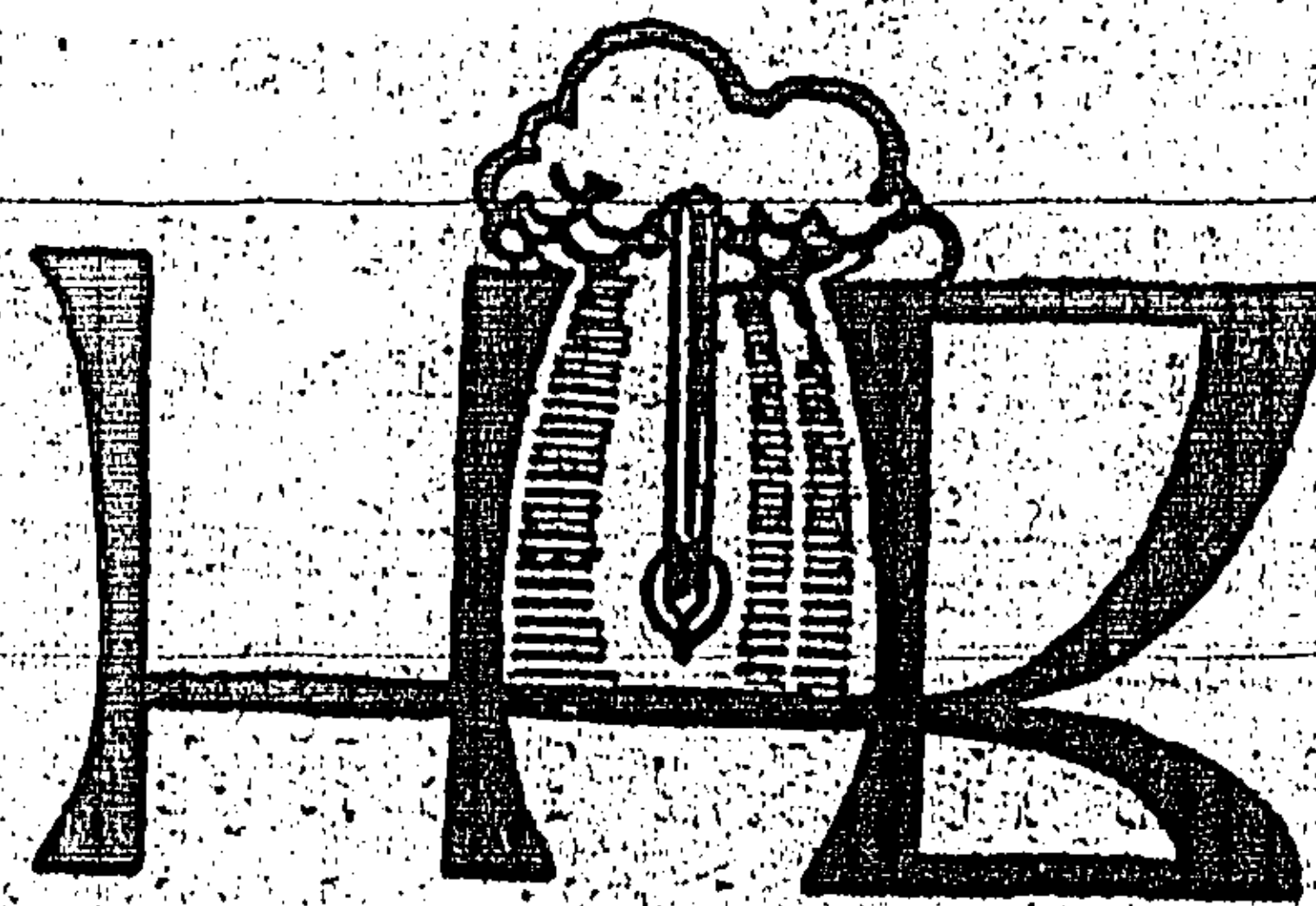
It was officially announced in Bangkok yesterday that the Premier, Field-Marshal Luang Pibul Songgram, who is also Commander-in-Chief of the Thai Army, has been appointed special Commander-in-Chief of the Thai Navy and Air Force.

Already there are separate commanders-in-chief of the Navy and Air Force.

The announcement is generally considered another important step in Thailand's preparedness to meet all eventualities in the present critical situation in the Far East.

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INITIATIVE IN WAR OF AIR

R.A.F. Hitting Power Doubled

Comparisons After Two Years

(By Reuter's Air Correspondent)

THE ROYAL AIR FORCE NOW HAS THE INITIATIVE IN THE ANGLO-GERMAN AIR DUEL. THE REASONS ARE THREEFOLD AND OF EQUAL WEIGHT.

Eighteen months of strategic bombing of Germany's industrial and military resources and particularly of the Luftwaffe, Europe's pre-war air giant, is the first reason.

The war with Russia which Germany embarked upon in order to ensure her military and economic position from the effect of this massive and carefully-planned air assault, is the second.

Finally, the growth in production of planes and the intake of personnel — both doubled in 12 months — is having its inevitable sequel.

It is probable that American and Russian aid — the one long-expected and yet to reach its full measure, the other unheralded and quickly at its maximum strength — combined to tip neatly the balanced scales in this duel at the opening of the third year of hostilities in the R.A.F.'s favour.

A new air giant has arisen in Europe. It is not yet numerically a match for the Luftwaffe — half of which is fighting on the eastern front and half on the western front and the Mediterranean — but strategically and tactically it is in the supreme position.

The Battle of Britain proved the R.A.F.'s power in defence beyond all dispute. The Luftwaffe lost 2,375 aircraft while 375 R.A.F. fighter pilots were killed. That is now one whole year past.

Battle Of Germany

In the Battle of Germany now being pursued by day as well as

night the R.A.F. is preparing the way for the final defeat of tyranny with the sinister relentlessness of the combined force of Scotland Yard sleuths and Federal G-men out to crush the perpetrators of last year's smash and grab assault on the stronghold of freedom.

Naturally, losses have increased. Hitherto, however, the cost of holding the almost complete initiative has been relatively small.

What is more, for every five planes the R.A.F. lost over north-west Europe in July and August this year, at least four German defenders bit the dust.

The cost of the Luftwaffe of the July-August offensive against Britain last year was four to one in planes. Here are the figures:

1941, R.A.F. LOSSES 513, LUFTWAFFE 420.
1940, LUFTWAFFE LOSSES 1,338, R.A.F. 347.

Certain Latitude

Even allowing for a certain latitude in figures on air losses—a latitude which both sides enjoy—these prove conclusively the technical lead the R.A.F. gained with its eight-gun fighters in 1940 has been maintained with its faster, harder-hitting and higher-flying fighters of to-day rising to the world's fastest pursuit plane, the 400-mile an hour Spitfire, the most powerfully armed type, the Bristol Beau fighter, with its four cannon and six machine-guns, and aircraft with operational ceilings in excess of 35,000 feet.

British bombers, besides proving themselves better defended than those of the Luftwaffe, are now both in remodelled and new types rolling off the assembly lines carrying bomb loads like the Short Stirling up to at least twice the weight of the Wellington's original two tons.

As the noted writer on aeronautical matters, Major Oliver Stewart, has written, aircraft speeds have gone up something like 10 per cent, higher than 40 per cent, and loads and firepower 100 per cent, in two years.

Keeping The Lead

In all these directions the R.A.F. has kept its lead and in the American Boeing probably possesses the best bomber in existence.

From the Air Ministry's review of the R.A.F. after two years of warfare, published yesterday, it is clear the main task of the R.A.F. Bomber Command is to make Germany's western front warmer as her eastern front becomes more bloody.

THE REVIEW ADDS: "THE WAR MAY SEE MANY NEW TASKS FOR THE BOMBER COMMAND" BUT STRATEGICALLY BOMBING BY NIGHT WILL FOR LONG BE ITS MAIN

FERRY PLANE DISASTER

The R.A.F. Ferry Commander in Montreal announced yesterday that the ferry plane previously reported missing crashed on a hillside in the United Kingdom. There were no survivors.—Reuter.

ADRIFT AT SEA FOR 41 DAYS

Officers and men of the Merchant Navy receive recognition in the latest list of civil awards given in the "London Gazette."

Five captains, two chief officers, five chief engineers, a second engineer, a donkeyman, trimmer, cook-steward, apprentice and two seamen have won medals for their bravery. Twenty-three officers and men are commended for their conduct in face of enemy ships, U-boats, bombers and mines.

The British Empire Medal is awarded to Seaman Evan Owen Griffiths, of Llandysul, Cardiganshire.

He lowered a jolly-boat from a blazing ship, picked up men in the water; and then steered clear of the ship, using floorboards as paddles.

There were biscuits but no water in the boat, and the men suffered thirst until heavy rain fell on the 11th day of their ordeal. The biscuits were finished on the 31st day. On the 41st day they were picked up.

Saved Ship's Master

When the badly wounded master of a damaged ship ordered his men to leave him and save themselves Able Seaman Robert Hilton Percival, of North Shields, refused to go and tried to carry the master to the bulwark rail.

Four members of the crew who were already in one of the ship's boats clambered back on board and helped Percival.

The "Gazette" adds simply: "Percival, by his selfless devotion, saved the master's life." He receives the British Empire Medal, civil division.

EFFORT.

The force for this purpose is already a great one, it will before long gain overwhelming strength.

Of the work of the Fighter Command, the review states its "immediate aim is to clear the skies of France of German aircraft" just as the skies of Britain were cleared in 1940.

Search And Strike

Meanwhile the R.A.F. Coastal Command has expanded in two years of war almost out of recognition.

Its watchword is "We search and strike."

In two years there has not been one non-flying day in the Coastal Command notwithstanding the foulest weather and the worst Atlantic storms for two generations.

Forty million miles—equivalent to nearly half way to the sun—have been flown on merely operational duties.

The high aims and the achievements of the R.A.F. are rapidly becoming synonymous.—Reuter.

RUSSIAN OFFICIALS IN ALASKA

Five Russian officials have arrived at San Diego, Cal., and are negotiating with the Consolidated Aircraft Corporation for the purchase of giant bombing planes.

Officials of the Corporation admitted that the Russian seaplanes which landed at Nome, Alaska, on Monday, carrying 47 passengers, had been secured from their company through a deal made in 1937.

There is considerable speculation as to the purpose of the visit of the 47 among the Nome population where the planes landed to refuel, and it is thought possible they must be ferrying American planes back to Russia as most of them seem to be air-men.

Another suggestion is that that they are technicians coming to discuss technical problems.

An earlier message said they were all fliers, mechanics and radio operators, led by Mikhail Gromov, veteran Arctic flyer, and that they were all believed to be provided with diplomatic passports.—Reuter.

No Significance

International News quotes official Washington quarters as stating the Soviet mission is to discuss technical matters in connection with American aid to Russia and has no political or diplomatic significance. The personnel of the mission is believed to consist of army officers and engineers.

TOBRUK PATROLS ACTIVE

YESTERDAY'S MIDDLE EAST COMMUNIQUE SAID THAT DURING THE NIGHT OUR PATROLS FROM TOBRUK WERE ACTIVE.

In addition to inflicting casualties on the enemy in several sectors they captured and occupied an enemy position.

During the morning there were heavy dive-bombing and high level bombing attacks. Despite the weight of the attacks, in which about 100 aircraft were employed, damage and casualties were negligible.

In the frontier area there was considerable enemy shelling.—Reuter.

R.A.F. TOLL OF LUFTWAFFE

No fewer than 4,500 enemy aircraft have been destroyed in two years of war by the R.A.F. Fighter Command and A.A. defences, it was learned in well-informed London circles yesterday.

British losses have been 1,400 fighters but the pilots of over 450 machines were saved.—Reuter.

UNITED STATES COOPERATION UNLIMITED

President Roosevelt's Labour Day speech is interpreted in Washington by authoritative circles as an indication of Mr. Churchill's success in enlisting United States unlimited cooperation in the war with Germany.

These circles said the "Atlantic Charter" has now become the United States' highest foreign policy.

President Roosevelt apparently had in mind Britain's war needs rather than United States needs when he demanded the unconditional self-sacrifice of American industrial workers.

It is pointed out by these circles that the fact that two Labour leaders, William Green and Philip Murray, are following the lead set by the White House towards Labour, shows conclusively that regimentation is now reaching every quarter of American life, including Labour.—Reuter.

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Berlin "Believes" Battle For Leningrad Has Started

NAZIS MAKE USUAL CLAIMS

WELL-INFORMED BERLIN CIRCLES "BELIEVE THE BATTLE FOR LENINGRAD HAS ALREADY BEGUN," SAYS THE BERLIN CORRESPONDENT OF THE STOCKHOLM "DAGBLADET."

The Nazis claim their troops have already penetrated the "outer defences" of the city at several points, he said, and their advanced troops are "in the vicinity of the city."

The "final assault" may be expected at any moment, he adds. These claims are not mentioned

by the Berlin correspondents of the "Dagens Nyheter" and the Stockholm "Tidningen," who merely report incessant rain hampering the operations and further Russian forces "annihilated" south of Lake Ilmen.

The Germans claim, according to these correspondents, that a great encircling movement is proceeding successfully north of Novgorod.

The Germans admit counter-attacks on the central sector, the correspondents add, but claim they have "not reached their goal," neither have the Russians succeeded in regaining the west bank of the Dnieper despite continued efforts.

Karelian Sector

Swedish correspondents in Finland say the Russians are now holding the Stalin Line across the Karelian Isthmus.

The Finns claim they have captured Sakkola, about 50 miles south-east of Viborg, and reached Taipale, just east of Sakkola.

It is claimed Russian prisoners reported the death of Major-General Seltensov, commanding the 88th Russian Division.—Reuter.

HOLIDAY ROUSES CRITICS

Thousands of London people who ignored the Government's request to "stay put" in their homes for the August bank holiday, and instead packed trains and other transport services, earned a severe rebuke from the London "Daily Express."

"London," says the newspaper, "which showed the big cities of the world how to take bombs, set the worst holiday example, with trains leaving the city in seven directions. Coal was stoked into locomotives, while miners gave up their free time to dig, and petrol, bought at the cost of many lives, was burnt on the roads."

"The next time the Government wants the public to 'stay put' on a holiday, it must issue an order, not an appeal."

People who packed the railway stations, fought for tickets, and scrambled for trains, were forced to travel sadly back at nightfall, because they had nowhere to stay in the packed seaside towns.

Others got lots of fresh air, but little to eat, because the Ministry of Food refused to send extra supplies to the holiday towns. Thousands spent the holiday on the Thames riverside.

WORLD'S BEST FOR THE R.A.F.

(By A Correspondent)

During one day at the two big fighter aircraft factories of Curtiss-Wright and the Bell Aircraft Corporation in Buffalo we have seen plenty to cheer about and almost too much to report in a hurry.

Foremost, perhaps, I should mention the fighter aeroplane now in production which experts generally believe to be better than anything the Germans have got. This is Bell's Airacobra P.39, a terrifically powerful, heavily armoured flying arsenal.

It is the only pursuit plane in the world which carries a 37 mm. cannon in its nose. It also carries six machine-guns in its wings.

By virtue of its revolutionary design, with the engine behind the pilot, it affords greater freedom than any fighter plane in existence. The first shipment of these fighters has already been sent to the R.A.F., and the United States Army has 60 of them.

We saw the 3/4-inch armour plate which protects the Airacobra cockpit and engine, together with the 2 1/2-inch bullet-proof glass which shields the pilot.

Two new Curtiss-Wright factories will be completed before the year ends in Columbus and St. Louis, and will employ 24,000 workers. A big new plant in Buffalo has also been constructed in less than eight months.

SHIP LEFT IN FLAMES

British bombers escorted by fighters yesterday morning made a low level attack on an enemy supply ship off Dunkirk.

The vessel, which was protected by six A.A. ships, as well as flyingboats, was hit twice and left enveloped in flames.

Two Messerschmitts were destroyed by British fighters.

One Blenheim is missing, says an Air Ministry communique.—Reuter.

BOLD RAIDS BY GUERILLAS IN BESSARABIA

THE SUCCESSES of Soviet guerilla detachments operating in the Bessarabian district, now occupied by the German and Rumanian armies, are described in a supplement to the Soviet midday communique yesterday.

"By bold raids, blowing up the enemy's installations, guerillas are systematically sapping the forces of the enemy and destroying his ammunition and supplies," it says.

"During August guerillas destroyed 14 enemy tanks and armoured cars, 32 lorries with ammunition, 44 wagons with supplies and over 40 petrol dumps."

During the past three days bombers of the Black Sea air arm carried out several raids on ports and enemy troops.

"In the Smolensk direction our troops crushed an infantry regiment of the 161st Division. Only eight to ten men remained in the regiment's companies."

"Direct hits put one enemy vessel out of action and our pilots also destroyed over 50 armoured cars and many automatic weapons," adds the supplement.

Prisoner's Statement

The supplementary communique attributes to a German officer, Ludwig Robert, who was taken prisoner, the statement that as a result of losses on the eastern front the German High Command had been obliged to recall German garrisons from occupied countries, including France, Belgium and Holland.

Some of them were reservists, originally replacing regular soldiers, and these in turn are now replaced by wounded men.—Reuter.

ALL I WANT IS AN HEIR

M.P. Told Wife

"You bore me an heir—that's all I want or expect. Marriage is a device to shackle a man to a woman he is tired of. Modern women are useless to themselves or their husbands."

Lady Patricia Latham, who has been granted a divorce in Miami, Florida, U.S., from her husband, Sir Herbert Paul Latham, M.P., told the Court that he used these words to her.

Of Irish Descent

Lady Latham said she is of Irish descent. That displeased her husband also.

Captain Sir Herbert Paul Latham, only son of Sir Thomas Paul Latham, first baronet, has been Conservative M.P. for Scarborough and Whitby for ten years. He is 46.

In 1933 he married Lady Patricia Doreen Moore, only daughter of the tenth Earl of Drogheda. They have one son.

IRAN REPLY TO PEACE TERMS

The Iranian Government has handed to the representatives of Britain and Russia its reply to the armistice proposals, says a Teheran despatch to the Vichy news agency.

Details of the reply will be published shortly.—Reuter.

BOY SAVES SEVEN

A torpedo gave a ship's apprentice his first command—the after half of a merchant ship and seven men.

True to the tradition of the Service, Ullan Tobin Todd, of Co. Wexford, kept cool.

He saved the lives of his men—and won the British Empire Medal.

When the torpedo struck amidships, the forward half sank.

Half Ship Almost Upright

Todd was the only officer on the after half, which was still afloat.

A difficult job faced him—the after half was almost upright.

But his seamanship enabled the lifeboat and the seven men to be lowered safely into the sea.

Two boys on another ship played a great part in beating off an enemy air attack.

They ran out on deck into a hail of machine-gun bullets. One was killed.

Cook-Steward William Smith, although wounded, brought the boys in. For this he was awarded the British Empire Medal.

K.O.d IN 'PLANE-O.K.

Pilot and observer of a Coastal Command aircraft live to fight another day after a thrilling adventure on their way home from bombing St. Nazaire, the occupied port on the Bay of Biscay.

An anti-aircraft shell burst so close to their machine that the force of the explosion turned the aircraft completely over and temporarily stunned them.

The pilot recovered to find his aircraft in a screaming dive between 500ft. and 1,000ft. from the ground. The observer recovered consciousness at the same time as the pilot.

Desperately they worked to right the plane.

They succeeded in the nick of time, and climbed cautiously and set course for base, to find that the explosion had blown back a hatch cover.

The aircraft flew back to its base with a gale raging inside the fuselage, but it landed safely.

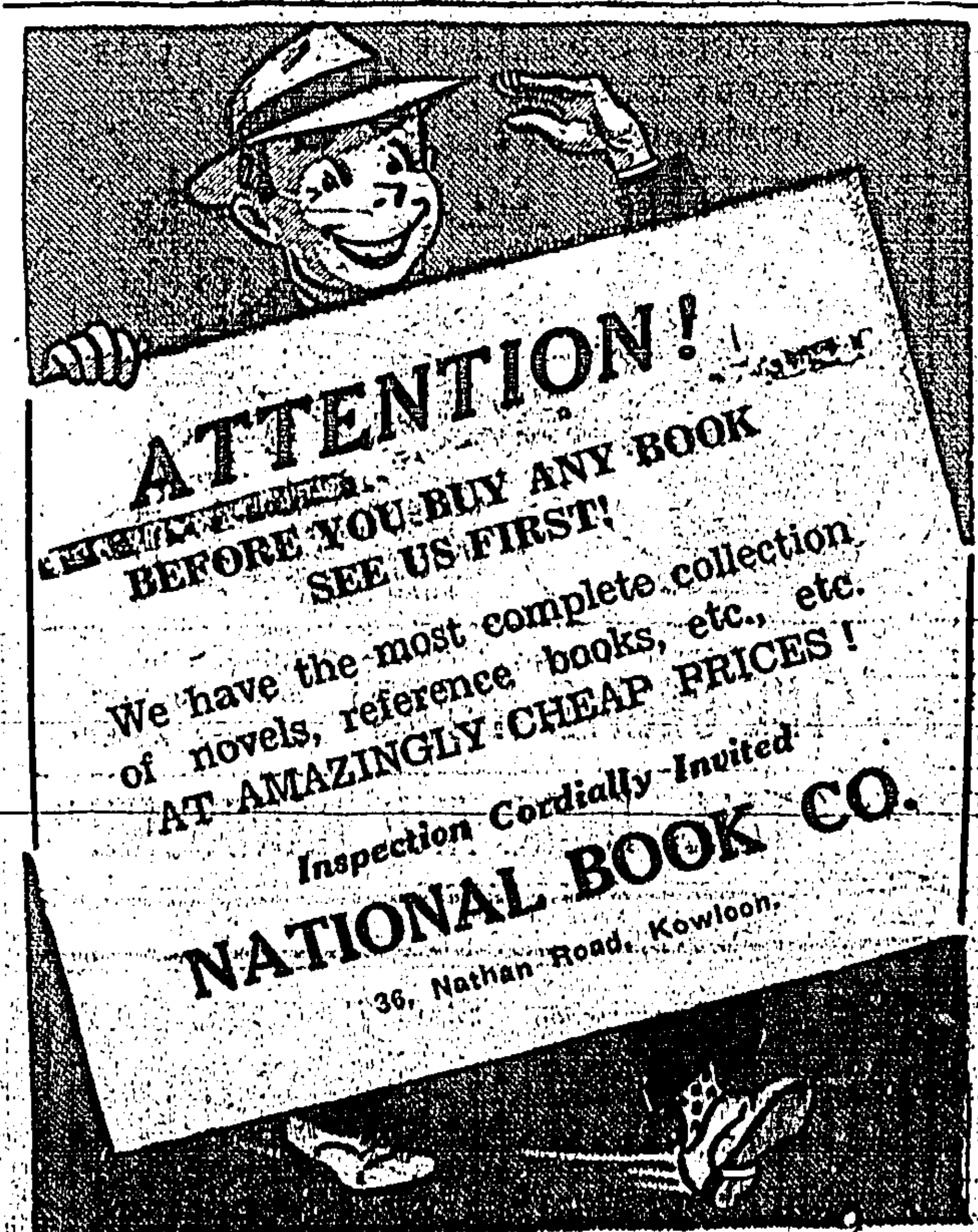
HELD FEET IN LEAP

While leaving a courtroom at Westminster in charge of the assistant-gaoler and a detective, a man darted to an open window and dived through.

But the detective was quick, too. He gripped one of the prisoner's legs and held him suspended, head downwards—the ground was 30ft. below—until the man could be dragged back.

The man, George Murphy, 20, labourer, of Plender Street, Camden Town, was remanded in custody charged with being a suspected person, loitering with intent to commit a felony.

It was stated that after his arrest Murphy twice broke away, but was chased and caught.



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PUBLIC ENEMIES ARE FIRST HITLER, THEN COMPLACENCY

MR. BRENDAN BRACKEN, BRITAIN'S DYNAMIC NEW MINISTER OF INFORMATION, SPEAKING IN LONDON YESTERDAY, SAID BRITAIN IS ENTERING THE THIRD YEAR OF "THIS BRUTAL WAR TO-MORROW" AND AFTER POSING THE QUESTION "HOW DO WE STAND?" PROCEEDED TO MAKE A BRIEF COMMENT IN ANSWERING THE QUESTION HIMSELF.

Britain's public enemies, he said, were, first Hitler and second complacency, "and we are a long way from the extinction of either of these foes," he declared.

Mr. Bracken was speaking to journalists and their guests at a luncheon of the Foreign Press Association in London.

He said that the ferocious hatred of journalists by the dictators was based on the fear of despots who, knowing that if their ill-gotten gains, their lust for blood, their crazy dreams of world power, had been laid before their people in full manner, the gangster reign over Europe would be very brief.

A FREE PRESS WAS THE MOST WATCHFUL SENTRY OF THE STATE, HE SAID, WHILE A "YES" PRESS WAS FATAL TO GOOD GOVERNMENT.

Much Remains

Britain was in a much healthier condition than it was two years ago, he said. Britain had made progress but much remained to be done.

THE ARMED FORCES HAD BEEN GIVEN AND HAD SOLVED, THREE TASKS WHICH APPEARED IMPOSIBLE.

To the question "What shall we do to win this war?" the Minister said: "Look to your factories, your mines, your shipyards and your farms."

"This latest German war is really a smash and grab raid on civilisation."

Mr. Bracken said he had noticed some people in England were beginning to scold America, and added: "These superior people would be much better occupied in understanding America's difficulties."

Storming Seas

Turning to the war in the east and to the subject of invasion, the Minister said that if Germany lost 3,000,000 men in Russia she would continue to fight.

Those who talked about the invasion scare being over might get some nasty surprises, he said.

"WE SHALL BEAT HIM AFTER A LONG AND GRIM EFFORT. WE ARE STILL IN STORMY SEAS AND PORT IS FAR FROM SIGHT."

Concerning the position of reconstruction, Mr. Bracken said: "We should not repair the ravages of war by the mad methods which were so popular during the last 20 years — burning crops, cutting down production, destroying shipyards."

"Science, allied to industry, could create limitless wealth and that is why the world will grow richer, not poorer."

Futile Boasts

Only a month ago Herr Hitler had boasted that he had won the Battle of the Atlantic. That boast was just as futile as Dr. Goebbels' promise that no bombs would fall Berlin.

The Battle of the Atlantic is in Britain's favour," added Mr. Bracken.

"Our shipping losses have dropped sharply compared with the early Spring of this year. At that time the Germans probably had three times as many U-boats as they had at the beginning of the war."

Mr. Bracken said that more and more escorts would be needed for British convoys but the ultimate test of the Navy would be its help in maintaining Britain's seaborne trade.

British imports were satisfactory and life in Britain was normal.—Reuter.

STRANDED WITH ADONIS

Beautiful British film star Madeleine Carroll, who was once selected by Columbia University students as "the most desirable girl with whom to be stranded on a desert island" has been stranded — on a desert island.

And she was stranded with 24-year-old Sterling Hayden, the new acting "fhd" who is called by Hollywood "the six-foot-five blond Adonis."

They have been flown back to Nassau, Bahamas, after a dozen planes searched for them.

NAZIS KEEPING PRISON FACT

A reassuring report on conditions in prisoner-of-war camps in Germany was given by Mr. Tracey Strong, a representative of the World Committee of the Y.M.C.A., who has just completed a tour of inspection of the camps.

Mr. Strong, whose headquarters are in Geneva, was on his way to pay similar visits to camps for German prisoners in Britain.

While declining to make a detailed statement until he has finished his tour in Britain, he said that he was satisfied the Germans generally were observing the Geneva Convention on the treatment of prisoners of war.

Basic diet in the German camps is the same as that of soldiers in the German army reserve, that is, somewhat less generous than that of fighting men on active service.

Parcel A Week

Prisoners have no facilities for supplementing camp rations with purchases from outside but Red Cross parcels provide a welcome variety of food.

Mr. Strong said that such parcels were now being delivered at the rate of about one a week to each prisoner. Sometimes there are gaps in deliveries and local shortages, due to prisoners being moved from one camp to another.

Madeleine and Sterling said recently that they were cruising in a sloop off the Bahamas and stopped at the romantic island of Cottoncay for a bath, cables John Walters.

Madeleine and Sterling were found by Captain Charles Collar. From his seaplane he spotted the couple as they waved to him from Cottoncay beach.

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BOYS RAIDED AMMUNITION DUMP

WHILE A BOY attracted the attention of a sentry, another crept through undergrowth to an ammunition dump. Later this boy, with the help of two other lads, stole Mills bombs, shells and anti-tank mines.

Thirty-four Mills bombs were missed from the dump. Some of these boys threw into a river to kill fish and two were found in the bedroom of an evacuee who has now gone back to London.

The story was told at Exeter Juvenile Court when two sixteen-year-old lads and a boy aged fourteen admitted that they had stolen war material, a telescope and a telephone.

The Acting Chief Constable, Mr. A. E. Rowell, said the boys had detonated the Mills bombs. They threw them about, causing explosions.

Captain A. Jones, in charge of the munition dump, said the bombs had to be unscrewed and unsealed, an operation in which trained soldiers took some time to become proficient.

When the munition boxes were checked thirty-four Mills bombs were missing, and gun cotton later recovered was then in a highly dangerous condition.

Cordite and a part of the charge had been removed from

the Mills bombs, probably with a screwdriver. The case was adjourned.

CONGRATULATED BY THREE KINGS

ROYAL CONGRATULATIONS HAVE BEEN SENT THREE TIMES TO MR. AND MRS. PETER MCPHERSON, OF HACO STREET, LARGS, AYRSHIRE.

King George VI congratulated them on their ruby wedding anniversary. On their golden wedding a message came from King George V, and on their diamond wedding King Edward VIII sent congratulations.

Mr. McPherson, who is 90, retired from the Ayrshire Constabulary thirty-four years ago.

AUSTRALIA AND THE FAR EAST

Australia had at over-sea stations upwards of 90,000 troops, the equivalent of five or six divisions, said the Army Minister (Mr. Spender) at Manly.

The total of men overseas would increase substantially in the future, he said. He was taking the necessary steps to ensure that the Australian forces fully assimilated the new tactical and strategic principles which seemed to be emerging from the battle for Russia.

"Australia can look at the rising tension in the Far East with calm but determined eyes," continued Mr. Spender.

"We have never sought to disturb the peace of the Pacific. Indeed, at all times, it has been our most earnest and sincere endeavour to preserve it. Indo-China, Malaya, and Thailand are close neighbours of Australia, as close indeed as they are to Japan, and we in this country are compelled to look with misgiving upon the advent of Japanese forces in Indo-China.

"We look ahead and ask ourselves what is Japan's next stage, and the next, and the next," said Mr. Spender. "We have to recognise that although the sharp and decisive economic preliminary action taken jointly by the British Government and the United States apparently has surprised Japan there are not lacking indications that she is contemplating going even further in the course she has set herself. We must continue our preparations in that light. Already we are being told of Japan's necessity to protect Thailand. Protect her from whom? Not from Britain.

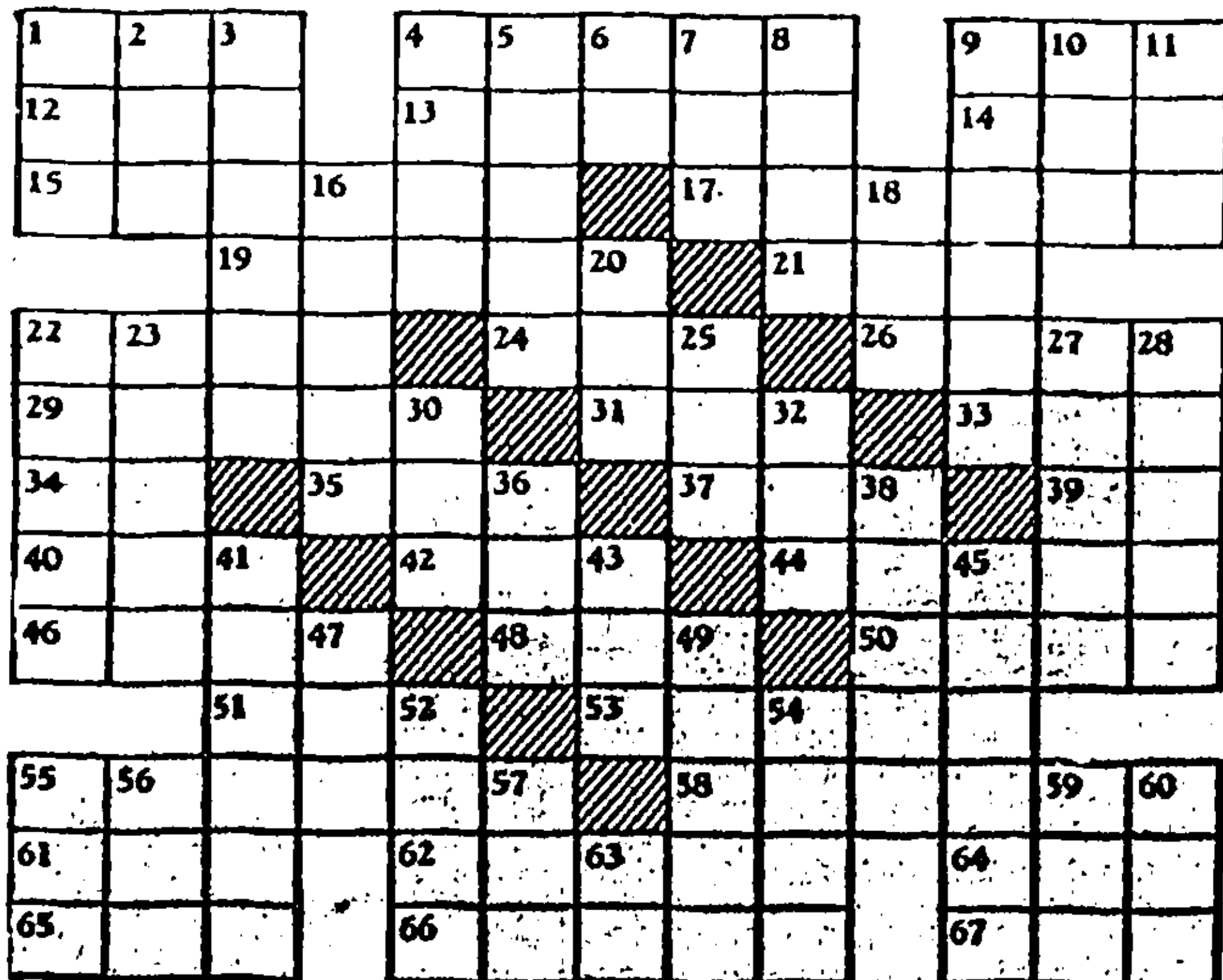
"The Thai Government has stated repeatedly that it has no fear of Britain. Let me say with the utmost clarity that Britain has no designs of any kind upon Indo-China or upon Thailand.

"We should welcome a similar statement, borne out by comparable actions, from Japan. In these circumstances any talk by Japan of protection therefore could be only a cynical pretext for unblinking aggression against weak and friendly neighbours.

"It is natural," added Mr. Spender, "that Australian eyes turning in these anxious days to our near north should be filled with the glow of the determination that, come what may, we shall, if necessary, give ringing proof that we mean to keep control of our own destiny, in our own and no other new order."

Referring optimistically to the progress of the war in Russia, Mr. Spender said that it was within the bounds of military possibility that Germany would suffer at Smolensk or further east the kind of check she suffered in 1914 at the Marne.

OUR 10-MINUTE CROSS-WORD



HORIZONTAL

- 1 Prohibition
- 4 Thong
- 9 Fold
- 12 Bustling about
- 13 Sarcasm
- 14 Inlet
- 15 To bargain
- 17 Platitude
- 19 Old English coin
- 21 Worm
- 22 Great Lake
- 24 To immerse
- 26 Auroral
- 28 Currency
- 31 Title of respect
- 33 Born
- 34 European fish
- 35 Lair
- 37 Fuel
- 39 Earth goddess
- 40 Mineral
- 42 To incline
- 44 Damp
- 46 To break suddenly
- 48 Dance step
- 50 Planet
- 51 To knock
- 53 Tree of pine family
- 55 Rodent

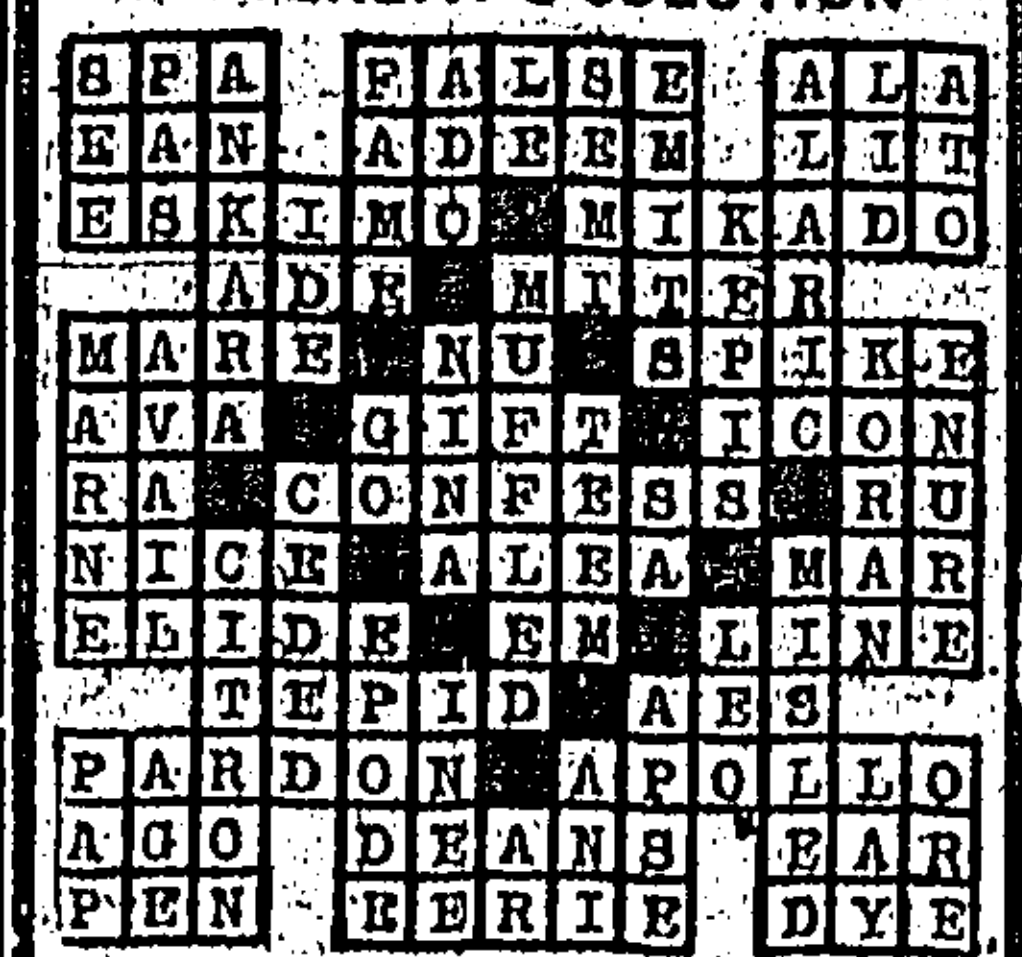
VERTICAL

- 1 Exclamation of contempt
- 2 Girl's name
- 3 Small cup
- 4 Storage pit
- 5 To set foot
- 6 Artificial language
- 7 Emmet
- 8 Burning pile

9 Place of confinement

- 10 The Lily (Her.)
- 11 Sweet potato
- 12 Avocado
- 13 To employ
- 14 Poetic; it is
- 15 Gives forth
- 16 French sculptor
- 17 Swine
- 18 Teutonic deity
- 19 Requirement
- 20 Still
- 21 College cheer
- 22 To bite
- 23 Poisonous shrub
- 24 Blasted
- 25 Moccasin
- 26 European swallow
- 27 Knave of clubs
- 28 Numeral
- 29 Seed containers
- 30 Dreadful
- 31 Chart
- 32 Fruit drink
- 33 Digit
- 34 Man's name
- 35 Convent
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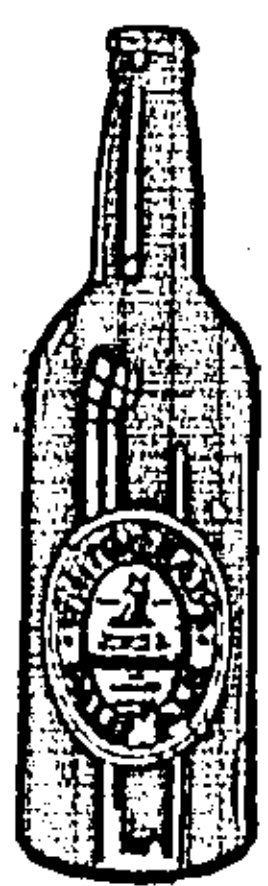
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SIR R. KEYES REVEALS HOW BELGIUM SURRENDERED

INSIDE HISTORY of the events leading to the surrender of the King of the Belgians was revealed for the first time in the King's Bench Division, when a settlement was announced of a libel action brought against the Daily Mirror Newspapers Ltd. by Admiral of the Fleet Sir Roger Keyes.

It was disclosed that on May 20 King Leopold warned the British Government through Sir Roger that the Belgian Army had neither tanks nor aircraft, and that if there were a separation between it and the Allied armies a Belgian capitulation would be inevitable.

On May 27 he informed the Allies that he intended to ask for an armistice but the message did not reach the Commander-in-Chief, all communications with the British Army being cut.

These facts were related in court by Sir Patrick Hastings, K.C., counsel for Sir Roger Keyes. He said:

"The Germans invaded Belgium on May 10, and a few hours later Sir Roger Keyes, at the request of our Government, left England by aeroplane to join King Leopold as special liaison officer."

"He was with the King at the headquarters of his army throughout the brief campaign in Belgium, and at the same time was in close touch with the headquarters of the British Army and with the Government."

"He remained with King Leopold until 10 p.m. on the night of May 27, the day on which King Leopold asked the Germans for an armistice. During that time he had unrivalled opportunities of observing the course of events."

"On May 26 Mr. Churchill announced in the House of Commons that the surrender had taken place, and asked that judgment about the matter should be suspended until the facts were known."

"Sir Roger Keyes on the same day in the lobby, echoed the same advice, and trusted that judgment on King Leopold, a very gallant soldier, should be suspended till all the facts became known."

"This advice did not appeal to the persons responsible for the conduct of the 'Daily Mirror' newspaper, and on May 30, that paper published an attack not only upon the King of the Belgians, but also upon Sir Roger Keyes."

"How far justified Sir Roger was in his advice to suspend judgment is now beginning to be understood."

Under French Command

"King Leopold, when his country was invaded, had placed himself and his army under the French High Command, and the movements of his army conformed with the orders of the French Command."

"On May 20 the British Army and the French northern army were ordered to prepare to fight to the south-westward to regain contact with the main French army, and unless the Belgian army could conform to this movement it was clear that it would involve a breach of contact between the British and Belgian armies."

"Sir Roger informed the King of the order, and he was asked by the King to inform the British Government and Lord Gort that the Belgian Army had neither tanks nor aircraft, and existed solely for defence."

"He did not feel he had any right to expect the British Government to jeopardise, perhaps, the very existence of the British Army to keep contact with the Belgian army, but he wished to make it quite clear that if there were a separation between the two armies the capitulation of the Belgian army would be inevitable."

Withdrawn

"At the request of the French High Command the Belgian army was withdrawn on May 23 from the strongly prepared position on the Scheldt to a much weaker and longer line on the Lys, to allow the British Army to retire behind the defensive frontier line which it had occupied throughout the winter to prepare for the offensive it was about to undertake to the southward."

"On the evening of May 26 a break through the Belgian line by the Germans seemed to be inevitable, and the King moved the remaining French 50th Division in Belgian vehicles to a prepared position across

the Yser, which by now was flooded over a wide area and its bridges mined."

"Fighting on the Belgian front had been continuous for four days, and the Belgian army by May 27 was running short of food and ammunition and was being attacked by at least eight German divisions, including armoured units and wave after wave of dive bombers."

Notice Of Surrender

"On the morning of May 27 the King asked Sir Roger to inform the British authorities that he would be obliged to surrender before a debacle took place. A similar message was given to the French."

"By the afternoon of that day the German army had driven a wedge between the Belgian and British armies. Every road, village and town in the small part of Belgium left in Belgian hands was thronged with hundreds of thousands of refugees; men, women and children were being mercilessly bombed and machine-gunned by low-flying aircraft."

"In these circumstances, at 5 p.m. on the 27th, King Leopold informed the British and French authorities that he intended at midnight of that day to ask for an armistice so as to avoid further slaughter of his people."

"This message, like the earlier one on the same day, was promptly received in London and Paris, but all communications with the British Army were cut, and though wireless messages were repeatedly made it is now known that these did not reach the Commanders-in-Chief."

Sir Roger's Plea

"Sir Roger Keyes, knowing these facts as he did, with a number of details that are unnecessary for the purposes of this statement, felt more than justified in suggesting a suspension of judgment on the King, and he quite naturally resented the injury of the article in the 'Daily Mirror' attacking him."

"He immediately saw his solicitors and the present action was started."

Sir Patrick added that the defence originally pleaded was that the statement of fact were true and the expressions of opinion fair comment. Last October this defence was withdrawn.

Mr. G. O. Slade, for the defendants, said that his clients accepted without the slightest reservation the statement made by Sir Patrick, from which it would appear that, unfortunately, they were entirely misled.

When everyone's hand was against King Leopold Sir Roger Keyes pleaded that judgment should be suspended until the true facts were known. That dignified and fair-minded attitude had been abundantly justified, and the defendants tendered to the gallant Admiral a sincere apology for their criticism of him, coupled with an expression of their appreciation of his conduct and bearing throughout.

Grave Injustice

It was also apparent that a very grave injustice had been done to the King of the Belgians, who had acted throughout in accordance with the highest traditions of honour and justice. The defendants also tendered to him their most sincere and respectful apology for the injustice they had unwittingly done to him.

Mr. Justice Tucker, approving the settlement, said: "All I need say is that this libel action,

WORK DURING ALERTS

A fighter pilot went to a munitions factory to address the workers.

After his modest and grateful speech one of them asked how much he was paid for his job of shooting down Huns.

"About £4 a week," said the pilot. "And how much do you get?"

"Between £10 and £12 a week," said the munitions worker, adding, in mitigation of the difference, which he realised was excessive, "but we work during Alerts, of course."

EIRE EXPOSED TO INVASION

Eire may be the next scene of large-scale operations by enemy air-borne troops.

German propaganda is a mixture of falsehood and truth. It does occasionally let out genuine information, and when a prominent member of the German colony in Istanbul says that Crete was a rehearsal for a landing in Ireland to cut communications between Britain and America it must not necessarily be dismissed as misleading.

The German General Staff must look on Eire as an almost perfect ground for the operation of air-borne troops. There is not even the beginning of adequate provision to oppose them and the Germans would probably expect to find a number of supporters who would ease the problems of food and fuel supply.

Courage Not Sufficient

No one questions that the Irish would fight with the greatest courage. There is no finer fighting race. But against the efficient highly disciplined German troops backed by elaborate military engines of all descriptions courage and heroism are of no avail.

Nor would the guerilla type of warfare in which the Irish might believe themselves to be adept, be of the slightest use. The Germans do not succumb to such tactics. They reply to individual sorties with mass shootings and organised terrorism; whole villages are made to pay for the acts of individuals.

For the protection of Ireland against the airborne attack which is likely to come the best hopes lie in novel technical ideas applied with audacity and ingenuity. Without them Ireland will stand a good chance of going down in less time than Crete.

unlike some others, appears to have served a most useful purpose, and resulted in statements being made which will give very wide satisfaction."

An order was made to withdraw the action and for the payment out of court of the damages paid in by the defendants, all the costs of the proceedings having also been paid.

Sir Roger Keyes, who was wearing naval uniform, sat alongside his solicitor in front of Sir Patrick Hastings, during the brief proceedings.

"I am glad the case has ended in the way it has," he said afterwards. "I deeply appreciate the handsome apology the defendants have made to King Leopold."

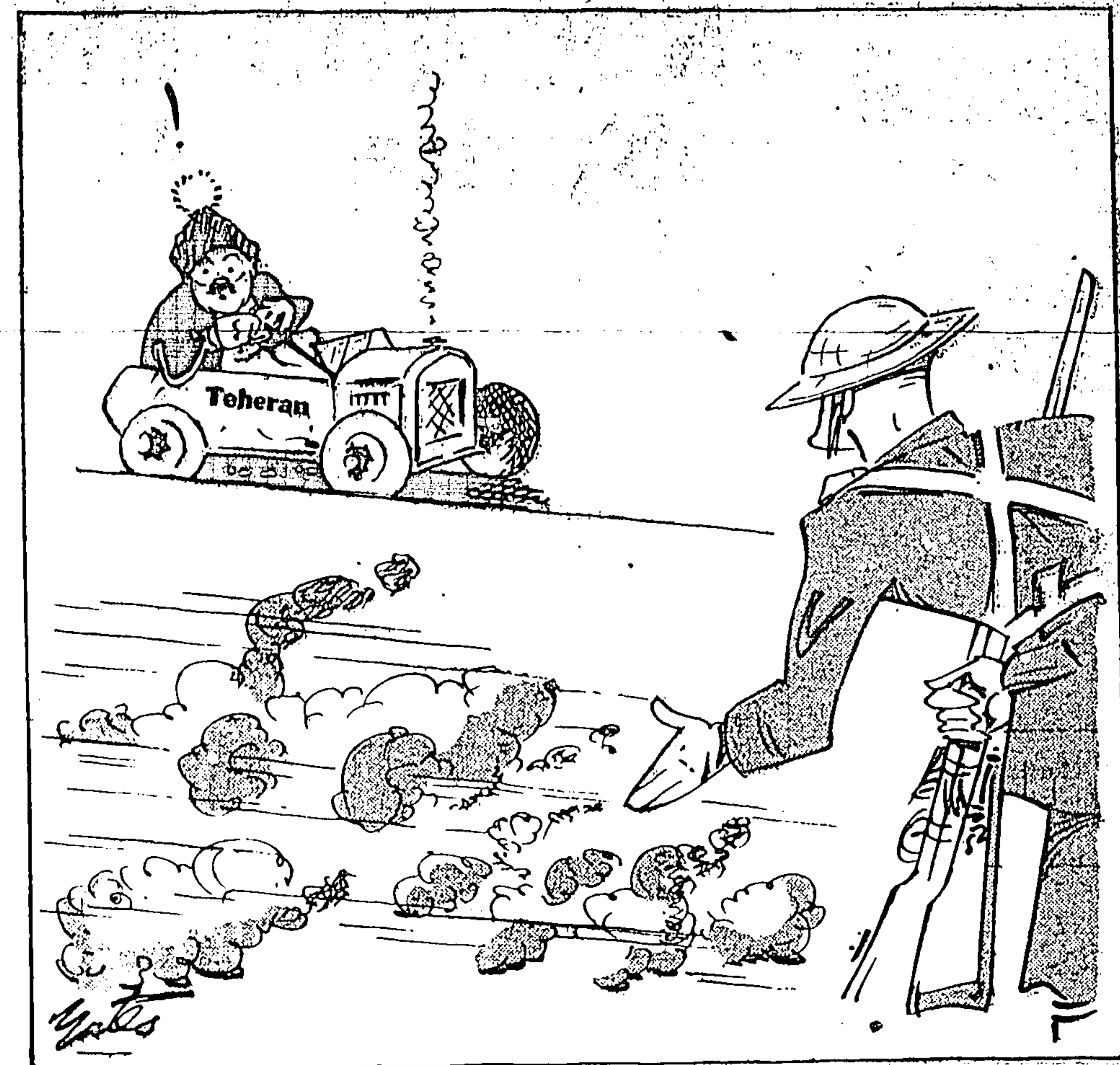


ANOTHER YEAR

In accordance with the wishes of His Majesty the King, next Sunday, as the first to follow to-day's anniversary of the outbreak of war, is to be observed as a Day of National Prayer and Thanksgiving. It is fitting that this should be so for if the task that lies ahead is likely to be long and arduous, calling for every capacity of endurance, in perils and pitfalls that have been surmounted there is much to be thankful for.

We enter upon the third year of the war in a far more comfortable position than the most optimistic observer could have predicted in September, 1940. The Battle of Britain had not then reached its pinnacle of ferocity. By the end of October the R.A.F. had triumphantly conquered. Hitler's New Year boast that "1941 will bring consummation of the greatest victory in our history" sounds to-day like the prattling of a paranoic. He has had his further victories in battle. The Libyan Desert has been recovered, Greece and Yugoslavia have been overrun, Crete came to shock the British people once more to the painful slowness of the democratic method in mobilising its effort. Despite these heavy setbacks, Britain's position in the Middle East has been enormously strengthened in the last twelve months. Two great Italian armies have disintegrated, dangerous developments in Iraq, Syria and Iran have been swiftly dealt with and converted to our enormous advantage. The crucial turning-point came when Hitler swung away from the doubtful prospect of a successful invasion of the British Isles to launch a vicious assault upon Soviet Russia. In the ten weeks since, the Red Army has inflicted tremendous losses upon the Hitler war machine, and the speed with which Mr. Churchill pronounced Britain's active support of Russia, and with which the United States and all the allies engaged in the war against the Nazi tyranny endorsed that bold realistic decision, has brought for Hitler a dark and heavy prospect which nothing can hide.

It would be interesting to know the thoughts hidden in the mind of "that bad man" as he looks back and forward at the door of another year. If he revels in his military achievements, he must be aware that force alone maintains the precarious



THE BLITZ BOYS — THAT WERE!

The Welsh Stand Fast

"WELL, that's the end of Ben Evans's." The speaker was a Welsh woman in the centre of a small crowd looking at the ruins of what had been one of the best-known stores in Swansea. "Yes, indeed it's bad," said another. "Twas there I had my first shop-made dress as a little girl. What a pity! But never mind. Let us be thankful it wasn't something more important."

This feeling of thankfulness that things are not quite as bad as they might be was prevalent among the Swansea population as it strolled idly through the debris-strewn streets, commenting on the havoc wrought. The middle of this town has been turned into a desert, with charred walls standing amid the wreckage of what once had been prosperous business houses, shops, offices, homes, and schools. Swansea's market, a favourite landmark to earlier generations, was the centre of this devastation.

Cardiff is a finer city than Swansea, but Swansea is nearer to the heart of the Welsh-speaking Welshman. Cardiff is cosmopolitan—"not really Welsh, somehow"—and unless spoken by "people from the valleys" little

Welsh is heard on its streets. Hence, when the Germans destroyed the centre of Swansea they struck at a memorable place in Welsh life. Great as was the damage, it has not diminished the determination of the local people to carry on.

As at Swansea, so at Cardiff, the raids have not seriously affected the general life of the people. "Lumme, we won't get any grub there to-day," was the only comment from a group which recently studied the destruction of the popular Carlton Cafe in Queen Street. Nor have these raids greatly diminished the contribution of South Wales to

Miners Federation. Discussion quickly turned to the war issue, and it soon became apparent that they were uncertain, not about the justification for the war, but whether when the conflict ends the promises of social readjustments will be honoured.

National life in Wales is not as sharply divided into planes of social status as in England, so the opinion of the common people plays a greater role in the formation of national sentiment. Nor do the Welsh people suffer from lack of expression. Their viewpoint is easily obtained. As Celts their emotional nature allows them to wander to heights and depths generally avoided by the Anglo-Saxon.

Call it immature judgment if you will, but to both the imperially minded Welshmen, and those less ready to compromise, there appeared to be more expediency than morality in the British official attitude which led to war. A well-known young Welshman told me in North Wales recently that "Appeasement was so purely English, so contrary to Welsh tradition, that it made us despair."

There is a divergence of outlook in Wales, however, that is unknown in England, there being three different types of people; those who are Welsh in sentiment and language, those who are Welsh in sentiment but English in language, and those who are English in sentiment and language.

Many evacuee children have been sent to Wales from London and other bombed areas in England. Where they have been evacuated under Government schemes the schools continue with their curricula as before. Unofficial evacuees accommodate themselves to local conditions, and in many areas the Welsh language is either the language of instruction or a subject in the syllabus. Some of the newcomers quickly learn the Welsh language and take part in the children's eisteddfod (music festivals). Evacuees are now important additions to almost every good-sized Welsh community, and the effects are proving beneficial to both visitors and hosts.

Apart from Cardiff and Swansea, few parts of Wales have been damaged by air raids. But come what may, Wales's determination is as resolute as England's that this struggle against barbarous tyranny shall not end until victory has been won. For whatever the differences between England and Wales (and they are greater than many people imagine them to be) they fade into insignificance for the average Welshman when Britain and human values are at stake.

By J. Emlyn Williams

the national emergency. War production still continues at full pressure, smoke pours forth from factory chimneys, stores are full of customers, and on the near-by waters of the Bristol Channel ships small and big still wend their way to ports in Devon or to the end of the earth.

It is no exaggeration to say that neither physical danger nor physical damage is the most serious preoccupation of South Wales to-day. These conditions are taken as the expected accompaniment of modern totalitarian warfare. Of greater concern has been the unemployment of coal miners when there has been a great outcry for coal. Unemployment with apparently little justification except lack of co-ordination among Government departments and the business enterprises concerned has brought more exasperation than Nazi bombs.

Apart from the question of air bombardment in Wales, there is also that question of the attitude of Welshmen toward war in general. In the main this attitude differs little from the Englishman's. Differences in outlook on this or that aspect of the war exist among the inhabitants of Cardiff, or Carnarvon, or Llanfair, as they do among the people of London, or Newcastle, or Chipping Norton. Regarding the war issue itself, similar uncertain sentiments fill the thoughts of some works in Wales, as in England, or in Scotland, and the same kind of extremists exist in all these places.

In a Cardiff cafe, the writer recently met some old acquaintances, members of the South Wales

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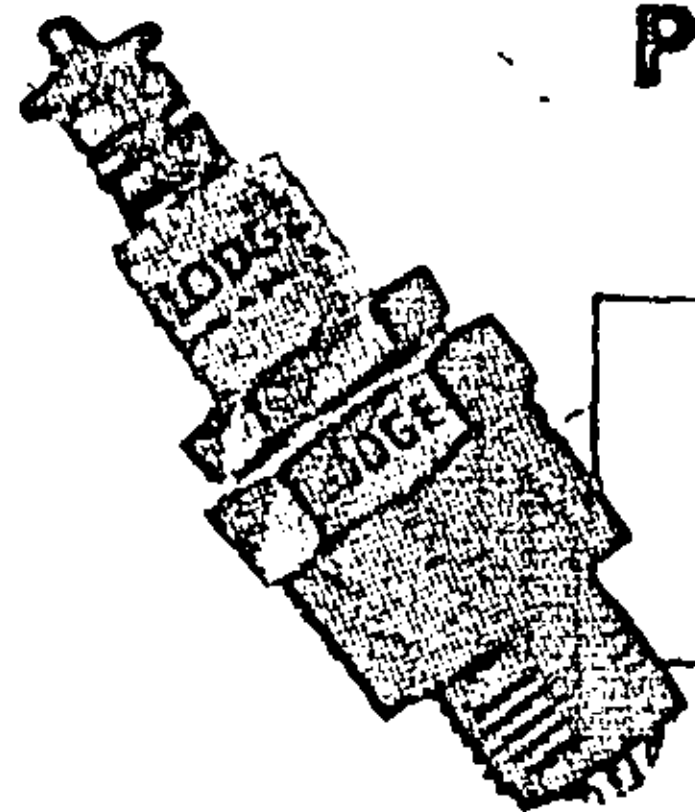
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(By LELAND STOWE)

IF AMERICA is the arsenal of Democracy, as it has been described, then Detroit's vast industrial area is the central powder magazine of that arsenal. Hundreds of factories, employing nearly 500,000 men, buzz with activity day and night as they turn out an enormous variety of national defence equipment at an ever-increasing rate.

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This productive capacity, now fully harnessed, is operating as never before.

After a three-day inspection of the biggest defence contract plants in and around Detroit it is simply impossible to be defeatist about American rearmament.

The full tide of production will not begin to flow till next winter, it is true, but already American mechanical aptitude and American organising ability have achieved wonders.

They have had to face staggering handicaps regarding the provision of tools and the shortage of skilled labour and the necessity for building from the ground up for the manufacture of tanks, aeroplanes, engines, machine-guns and the like.

Some Leading Firms

In these few days we have learned such facts as these:

Chryslers have 40,000 to 65,000 employees on defence jobs. General Motors have more than £250,000,000 worth of orders and 50,000 more workers than a year ago.

Ford will soon have nearly 25,000 men employed on the consolidated B-24 D bomber alone. This is only one of 10 big defence specialties being handled at the Ford works.

All this leaves one rather breathless, but it constitutes the most heartening spectacle any patriotic American could hope to see.

Most impressive of all is this undeniable fact. It required from two to three years for German industry to lay the groundwork and achieve the first stage in production that American industry has achieved in one year.

There can be no question about America's ability to surpass production in Europe eventually, and probably sooner than is believed in both continents.

ITALIAN GUN GETS HEINKEL

(From A Special Correspondent)
LT. A. PALMER AND HIS CREW HAVE JUST BEEN CONGRATULATED BY ADMIRAL SIR ANDREW CUNNINGHAM, COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF, MEDITERRANEAN, FOR SHOOTING DOWN A HEINKEL. LT. PALMER'S SHIP IS THE CAPTURED ITALIAN SCHOONER MARIA GIOVANNA, AND HIS GUN AND AMMUNITION ALSO BELONGED TO THE FASCIST GOVERNMENT.

"In fact," he said to me over the dinner-table last night in a voice that could out-shout the roaring forties, "I don't think I have ever used a round of British Government ammunition in that ship."

An Australian merchant officer with a tanned, good-humoured face that has beamed its way through every port and lagoon in the South Seas, Palmer might well have stepped from the pages of Somerset Maugham.

I tried to get him to tell me the story seriously, but it went something like this:

"Boy, you should 'a been with me. It was mighty fun. There was my old tub loaded to the scuppers with explosives, in fact everything that nobody else would dream of carrying."

"Couldn't Play Harps"

"When we saw these two birds come over only a few hundred feet up I said to my boys, 'Now, by heck, you have gotta fight like you have never fought before, or you and I will be meeting upstairs in a few minutes, and I know none of you coves can play harps.'"

FROM THE REICH

Two new units of measurement have been introduced into Germany.

The Goering is the greatest weight of metal a grown man can support on his breast. The Goebbels is the largest number of lies a man can utter in an hour.

LONDON MAY STAY A SMALLER CITY

London may be permanently small suggests the Pulitzer Prize historian Professor Nivens, who has returned to New York after six months in England.

He thinks that many of the people dispersed throughout the country will never return to London.

Due to immense population shifts and bombings, such once-populous areas as Mayfair, Kensington, Bayswater and Chelsea now bear a semi-deserted look.

Country life has raised the health fashions and ambitions of slum children.

"I took the wheel and started swinging poor old Maria Giovanna as she had never had helm before. Jerry thought we were a piece of apple pie and came down to look at us."

"Leading fellow circles round to give us the works when my forrad gunner turns the hose on him. Boy, we gave him 25 of Mueso's best little 12-millimetre shells right in his ribs."

"Bits and pieces flew in every direction, black smoke poured out of him, and he put his nose straight down into the sea with an almighty splash."

"I had no time to do anything more about him, for his mate came for us. He never gave us the same chance, but tried from all heights for nearly an hour to get us. I thought he'd never run out of bombs."

RABBIT MASCOT DIES IN ACTION

An Australian white rabbit which survived the Nazi blitz in England and was besieged in Tobruk with the A.I.F., has been killed in action in the Libyan Desert.

The rabbit was the pet and mascot of a Signals Company which smuggled it aboard the transport when they left Australia with the Second A.I.F. contingent in May, 1940.

It was killed by a wild desert dog while the unit was on an expedition against the enemy in the desert.

In its journeys with the A.I.F. unit, the mascot travelled over 40,000 miles. To feed it in besieged Tobruk, the signallers went to all lengths to obtain fresh greens, finally planting their own beds of lettuce and other greens.

MONKEY-GLAND MAN CAN'T IMPORT ANY MORE MONKEYS

REJUVENATION OF Australians by the grafting of monkey glands will be impossible about a year from now, unless the war ends in the meantime.

Dr. H. Leighton Jones, Australia's sole disciple of Voronoff, has used in the past 15 years more than 100 specimens of the "macacus rhesus," imported from India.

Generally, each operation costs the life of one monkey. Last May he obtained six monkeys for his laboratory at Dora Creek, N.S.W.; but, because monkeys are "non-essential imports," these are the last he will be allowed in wartime.

They brought his stock up to six males and six females, costing £20 each. Only six men and six women, therefore, will be able to "have their batteries recharged."

Women Patients

Almost the full dozen patients have "booked" already.

Over 100 operations, Dr. Leighton Jones claims that all have been successful, though some have been more so than others.

He showed "The Sunday Sun" the photograph of two fine Australian children, boy and girl, the

first of whom was born when the father was 62 and the second when he was 72.

Only in the past two years has Dr. Leighton Jones had women patients. A rush of them was just starting when his supply of monkeys was cut out.

The "Voronoff man" has operated in the past year on a girl of nine, a girl of 14, and a man of 20, all of whom were so lacking in thyroid as to be semi-idiot.

Gland-grafting was used to make up their thyroidal deficiency. A law student who had failed repeatedly in examinations passed with flying colours after a gland operation, the doctor states.

Monkey-breeding at Dora Creek would not solve Dr. Leighton Jones's problem of supplies, as monkeys must be nine years old to be suitable, and it would not pay him to care for and feed them for so long.

Friends say that Dr. Leighton Jones, now 72, but amazingly youthful, at one time underwent the treatment himself.

"JEEVES" BLITZ A SHOCK TO "NICEST PEOPLE"

(From A Special Correspondent)

"DR. GOEBBELS took Wodehouse to a high mountain and showing unto him all the Kingdoms of the world said, 'All this power will I give thee if thou wilt worship the Fuehrer,' and Pelham Wodehouse fell on his knees."

This was part of the attack on author P. G. Wodehouse over the B.B.C. on July 6 which drew on the broadcaster columnist Cassandra, such a horrified hail of protests from high quarters.

Features of the controversy were a flood of letters in "The Times", objecting to the B.B.C. attack, and public acceptance of responsibility by Minister for Information Duff Cooper.

He said that the so-called canons of good taste must yield to national emergency.

Cassandra, in his broadcast, said: "I've come to tell you the story of a rich man, trying to make his last and greatest sale—that of his own country."

Sombre Story

"It is a sombre story of self-respect, honour, and decency being pawned to the Nazis for the price of a soft bed in a luxury hotel of laughter growing old and the Judas whine of treachery taking its place."

"When the war broke out, Wodehouse was at Le Touquet, gambling. He was throwing a cocktail party when the Storm-troopers clumped in on his shallow life. They led him away — this funny Englishman, with the vast repertoire of droll butlers, amusing young men, and titled fops."

"Dr. Goebbels saw in Wodehouse a useful weapon to wield against the outraged peoples of Britain and America. All the blood of Poland still stained the earth. The blood of murdered Czechs, Norwegians, Belgians, Dutchmen, Englishmen, and Frenchmen cried out."

"Goebbels wanted the place tidied up a bit. He need a human blotter to dry up the blood. He found a sponge ready in his hands."

"He treated the prisoner gently for months. Wodehouse was stealthily groomed for stardom — the most disreputable stardom in the world, the limelight of the Quislings."

A Peaceful Night

Speaking directly to Wodehouse, Cassandra went on "You said on Berlin radio that you were unable to work up any kind of belligerent feeling about the war."

"Do you know Dulwich, Mr. Wodehouse? It is the suburb of London where you went to school. I was there one night not long ago. Something happened that might interest you, who feel so calm and imperturbable."

"It was a peaceful night until a 1000lb. of high explosive hit the ground with appalling violence. Soon there was silence again. Near me under five, 15, 50 tons of rubble lay human beings. Most were dead, some were alive, a few were dying. Your countrymen, Mr. Wodehouse!"

"Rescue squads began work. Some one called for silence. We listened with growing horror. I realised we were waiting to hear cries of agony and pain from beneath the crushing loads of battered masonry and brickwork."

"Trapped, Mr. Wodehouse, trapped — in a ghastly evil cage of pain, made in Germany."

"You should have been there Mr. Wodehouse, with your impartiality and reasonableness — perhaps even one of your famous little jokes."

TEN MINUTES' WORSHIP

Ten-minute services for Home Guards before they begin training on Sundays "to keep alive during the dislocation of ordinary life through the war, the habit of public worship," are suggested by the Bishop of Rochester.

FERRY PILOTS' HUGE MILEAGE

(By L. Marsland Gander)

Col. Moore - Brabazon, the first Englishman to fly in Great Britain, and now Minister of Aircraft Production, recently addressed ferry pilots of half a dozen nationalities in a hangar station during a visit of inspection.

The C. O. of this ferry pilots' "pool," Cmdr. Gerard d'Erlanger, added that on any fine day now the A.T.A. move thousands of tons of aircraft and fly 100,000 miles.

Miss Pauline Gower, who commands the women's section, told me that the women pilots alone have flown between 3,000 and 4,000 machines, including several of the older operational types.

Need For Versatility

In the dark-blue uniforms of the A.T.A. there were Dutch, Czechs, Poles, a Spaniard, a Dane and a Chinese mingling with their British Empire colleagues. Most of the Americans are either civil air line pilots, "crop dusters" (aviators who spray crops with insecticide), or private owners, and they are flowing to Britain in steadily increasing numbers.

Those accepted are trained into most versatile fliers. One former glider pilot, who before the war had done only 70 hours of flying, left in an aerial taxi to deliver a Wellington bomber, a Spitfire and an American Tomahawk fighter.

Pay for an experienced pilot is between £600 and £700 a year. The Americans, however, receive considerably more.

FACE DEATH TO HEAR SYDNEY'S BROADCASTS

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As Frenchmen in Indo-China awaited the coming of the Japanese who garrison their country, they listened each night to the news from Australia for the latest developments.

One of the greatest problems facing the Broadcasting Division of the Department of Information, is to devise means of replying to the scores of listeners

THAT DID IT

Girls outnumbered men guests by six to one at the wedding at Shoeburyness, Essex, of Lance-Bombardier Idwal Jones and Miss Olive Payne, so this notice was put on the door of the parish hall:

"Males urgently needed to dance. Free beer."

The males turned up.

FOOD STOCKS STOLEN

Several stories received in London from the most reliable sources, indicate the ruthlessness of the German policy and practices in the countries which have been subjugated.

The pillaging of France's food stocks for the German Army and thinly disguised attempts to undermine Belgium's judicial system are typical examples.

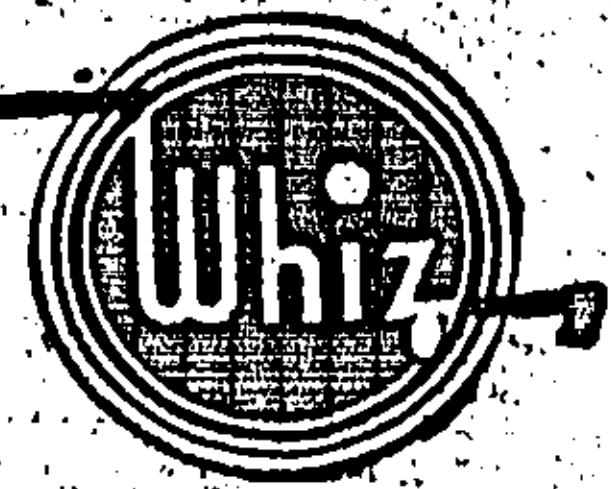
Reporting the systematic pillage of Yugoslavia, the "Times" correspondent in Istanbul says: "Immediately after the occupation, all Jewish shops were taken over by German commissioners. Now has come the turn of all Yugoslav industrial enterprises, the proprietors or shareholders of which have been compelled to sell their shares for a tenth of their value."

"The price was paid in German marks, thus all industries have passed into German hands."

A DARN GOOD IDEA

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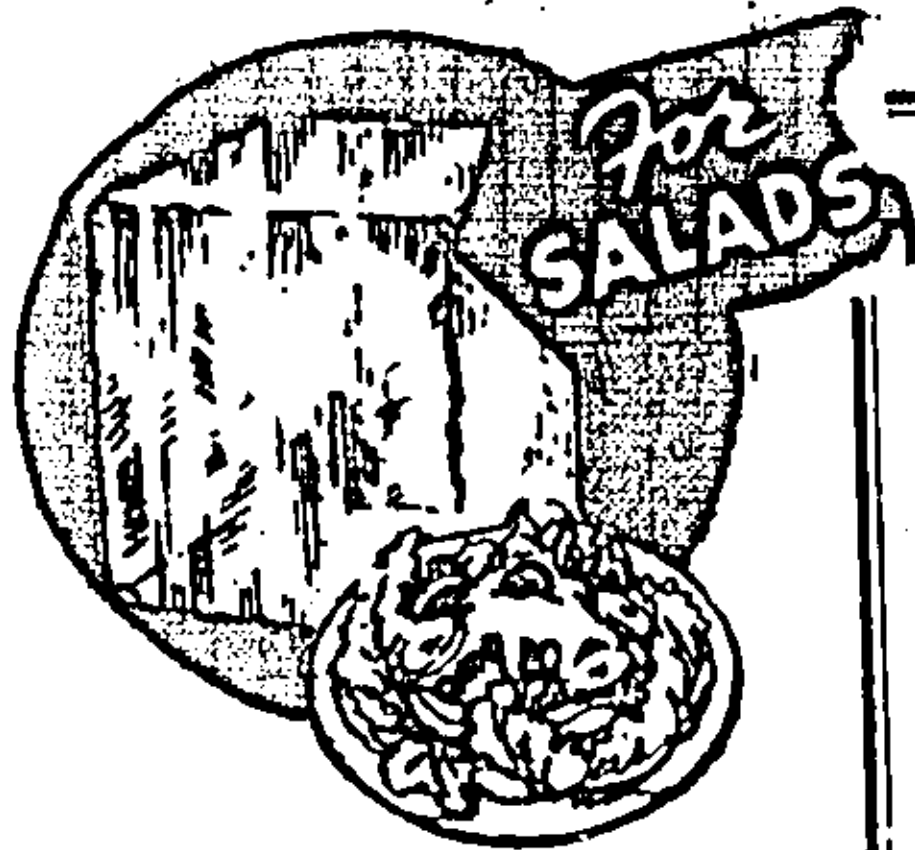


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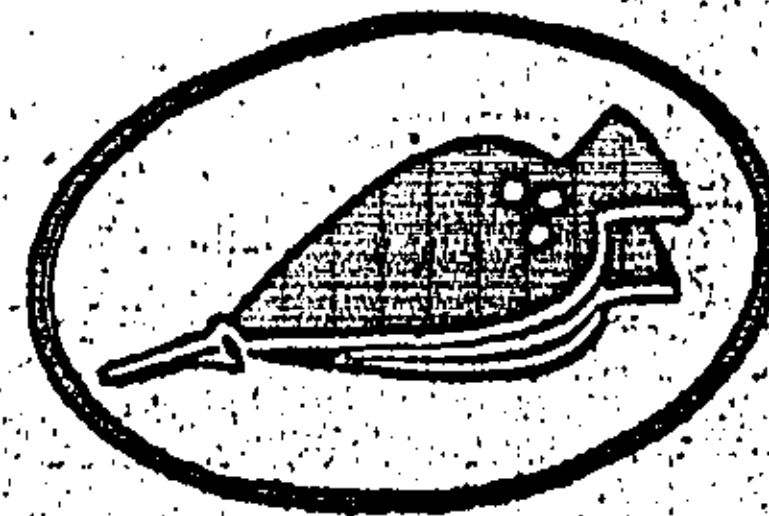
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BRIDGE NOTES

A HORRIBLE EXAMPLE By The Four Aces

Some of our readers send hands and questions with profuse apologies for the mistakes they fear they've made. If they only knew, they needn't be so apologetic. They ought to see some of the horrible blunders made by nationally known experts! Here's the most horrible example of bad bidding by an expert that we've seen in months:

South, Dealer
Neither side vulnerable
NORTH
♠ 10 9 3
♥ J
♦ A Q 10
♣ A Q J 9 7 2
WEST
♠ Q 8 6 2
♥ K Q 9 4
♦ 5 4 2
♣ 6 4
EAST
♠ A 6
♥ A 7
♦ 8 7 6 3
♣ K 10 8 5 3
SOUTH
♠ K J 7 4
♥ 10 8 6 5 3 2
♦ K J 9
♣ A

The bidding:

South	West	North	East
Pass	Pass	1♣	Pass
2♥	Pass	3♣	Pass
3♥	Pass	4♣	Pass
4♥	Dbl.	Pass	Pass
Pass			

Needless to say, South suffered a bad penalty, when he could have let North play the hand at two or three clubs with safety. We wouldn't report this disaster except that it highlights mistakes which are made by all kinds of players.

To begin with, South didn't have the vestige of an excuse for a jump-bid on the second round of the bidding. He didn't have a particularly strong hand for an original pass, his heart suit was shabby, and he had no fit at all for clubs. If North had bid spades or diamonds, there might be some excuse for a jump-bid in hearts; but with a club bid from North, South had absolutely nothing to get excited about.

Having begun so badly, South might have made a partial recovery by passing four clubs. North obviously had a good club suit and no support for hearts. Furthermore, North couldn't have a four-card spade suit, for with such a holding he would have bid the spades over South's first heart bid. Since there was no chance to find a fit in spades, South had no reason to mention the suit at so high a level.

Yesterday you were Howard Schenken's partner and, with both sides vulnerable, you held:

♠ A K 10 9 7 6
♥ A 9 4
♦ K 10 4 2
♣ K

The bidding:

Jacoby	You	Maler	Schenken
1♣	Dbl.	1♥	Dbl.
Pass	(?)		

ANSWER: Pass. With your holding you are perfectly willing to cooperate in the defence against a heart contract. If the heart bid is psychic, your pass will help smoke the enemy out.

Score 100% for pass, 0 for any other bid.

Question No. 811

To-day you hold the same hand, and the bidding continues:

Answer	What do you bid?	Score
♠ 2	2♥	100
Dbl.	1♥	100
Pass	Pass	100
3♥	3♥	100

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Vivid Story Of Torpedoing

A DRAMATIC TALE OF SITTING IN A LIFE-BOAT AND SEEING A TORPEDO MISS IT IN THE NORTH ATLANTIC WHEN A SWELL LIFTED THE SMALL VESSEL A FEW FEET OVER THE "TIN FISH" WAS TOLD BY AN ENGINEER ABOARD A BRITISH MERCHANT SHIP WHICH VISITED NEW YORK RECENTLY.

The story had a happy ending, however, because British destroyers sank three of the five German submarines which were attacking the convoy and captured a German count who was commander-in-chief of the Atlantic submarine flotillas.

The engineer is Luke R. Tardif, thirty-five-year-old Canadian, a college graduate who was a technician with the Metro-Goldwyn-Mayer expedition that filmed the motion picture "Trader Horn" in the Agbi plains of Belgian Congo. He has travelled the world over in his several years at sea, visiting ports in sixty countries. He left New York aboard a British tanker soon after recounting his adventures.

Suspense Terrible

"I shall never forget that day if I live to be ninety," he said of the torpedo incident. "We saw it coming, by its wake, and knew it could not miss us, when the swell of the sea lifted us above it. The suspense almost killed us. And then the fire-works started, the destroyers playing their search-lights on the submarines and the submarines answering with everything they had—guns and machine-guns. But on the surface they were no match for His Majesty's 'sea dogs'."

"All this time our lifeboat was headed straight for a submarine. If they saw us it was the finish for us. But luck was not entirely against us, and they were kept too busy to notice us. Two of the 'subs' were destroyed by gunfire before they had a chance to dive. The others dived, but one of them was so well covered by patterns of mines (depth bombs) from convoying destroyers that it soon bobbed up to the surface, to turn turtle and sink."

His Fourth 'Experience'

It was the fourth time one of Mr. Tardif's ships had been a "casualty," and he has made eleven trips to England in the last fourteen months. War regulations prohibit giving names, dates and places of the events involved, but even without these details his recital gave interesting information on at least one battle of the North Atlantic.

"His Majesty's destroyer X—picked us up between spells of the excitement, as well as 124 officers and men of the three-submarines destroyed," the officer continued, adding that "the destroyers were indeed worthy of their names. The men of the 'subs' linked arms in the icy waters to hold themselves together that black night and shouted as a group, 'Kamerad! Help!' After they had been picked up and came along side, no one came up the gangway before his superior officer."

"Among them was Count Otto von X—, German commander-in-chief for submarine flotillas in the Atlantic, an important catch."

Except for the higher officers, the Germans were then ordered to strip, the engineer continued, and receipts were given to them for all their belongings. The necessary papers, indicating that everything was in order, were signed by the count. The officers and several of the men spoke English without the slightest trace of an accent, he added. They said the depth bombs had been "most distasteful" and that they had missed sinking the destroyer which picked them up only because they had no more torpedoes.

Fortunes Of War

"Your destroyer was perfectly and beautifully in my glass last night, but we had been at sea three weeks, were returning home and had no torpedoes left," Mr. Tardif quoted the count as saying. "It is the fortunes of war. It was either you or I—and it happened to be me."

The engineer explained that when the submarines attacked the convoy, his ship moved from the outside to the centre of the

group. Because of this move, the Germans thought it carried a valuable cargo. During two hours they fired four torpedoes at the vessel before sinking it. "They were certainly mistaken," he said cheerfully when explaining that the Germans thought his ship carried more important goods than the others.

His account of the previous "casualties" on which he served illustrate the risks faced by the British sailors on the North Atlantic run. The first was damaged by a vibration mine off an English port, but reached the port under her own steam without any assistance. Vibration mines are a new type laid by German planes which are detonated by the vibration of the propellers of large ships passing over them. The second "casualty" was the ship sunk in the convoy.

The third was damaged by an air raid in a British port, but she was quickly repaired and arrived in Montreal five weeks to the day after the bombing. The fourth was sunk after a prolonged attack by a German bomber, probably a Heinkel 115.

'Planes To Rescue

"It missed us with the first seven 250-pound bombs and hit us on the port side amidships with the eighth and last of its bombs," he said. "But the first one was such a close miss that it shattered everything breakable aboard ship and sent us sprawling all over. The others heaved half the ship completely out of the water each time. We were shooting at it for all we were worth every time, but apparently with no success. The ship caught on fire. We tried to go back to it in our lifeboats to extinguish the flames, but the German kept shooting between us, in the lifeboat, and the ship, so that we had to desist. Then some British planes appeared and the Nazis disappeared. They informed a cruiser of our position and we were picked up."

Mr. Tardif participated in the evacuation at Dunkirk and has survived many severe air raids, first during the Nazi conquest of northern France and later in the Battle of Britain.

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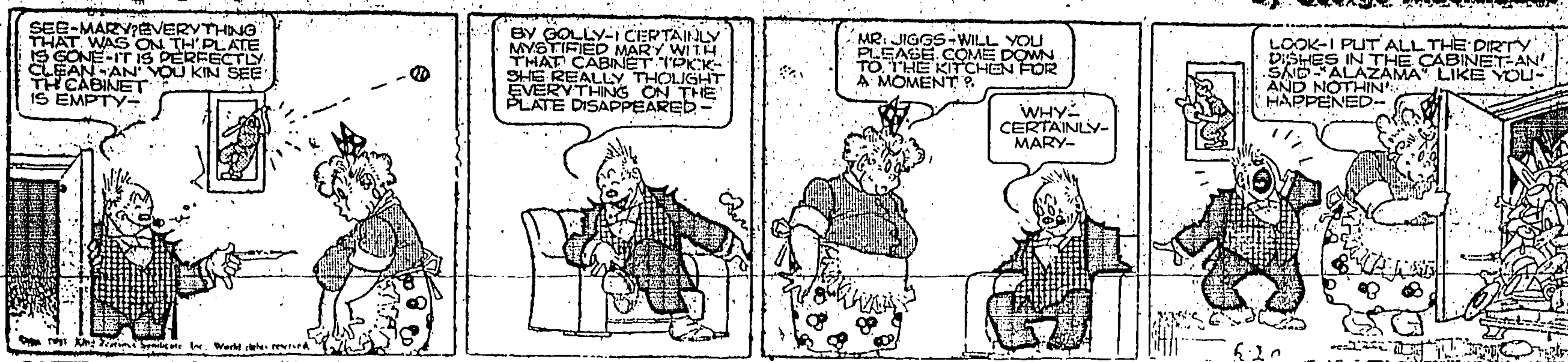
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Bringing Up Father

By George MacManus

A PAGE FOR WOMEN
Summer Aids

About now your favourite lipstick is the worse for wear. A few meltings haven't improved it and there is nothing to do but shop for a new one. A twin pair which come in a tidy pastel leather case should merit a few moments of your consideration. These two fully sized lipsticks, which sell for the cost of one, are chosen in combination to enhance the blonde, the brunette, or the medium fair. And lush shades they are, the six of them. The combination idea has found favour as so many belles like to use a different shade on each lip to create glamour or something.

TO REMIND YOU: As showers become a major activity during the summertime, women should take great delight in a new after-shower set which combines a fragrant body powder and of all things—a hair tonic. The reason for this is to remind you that your scalp needs frequent lubricating during the play months and the best time to anoint your head is directly after you have bathed. If you do not do it then you are likely to forget about doing it! The products come from a famous English house which is famed for hitting the nail on the head!

FINE FACE POWDER: The desert has inspired five lovely shades of face powder and milady should find a perfect match for her current skin tone among them. What's more this finely sifted powder comes in the most attractive plastic box of transparent pink—a desirable decoration for any dressing table. Refills are available for the box. The powder has matching companion pieces in lipstick, talc and cologne.

TO INSPIRE DAININESS: The most charming celluloid boxes covered with durable black lace and pink satin bows do much to inspire neatness for they hold



Transparent plastic in the most heavenly pink fashions now containers for a line of beauty aids. This beauty is using a delectable desert shade of face powder for summer beauty!

hosiery, handkerchiefs, gloves, face tissues and your favourite box of powder. These very feminine containers make one's top drawer most attractive and if you

will tuck a strong sachet bag in each your accessories will be kept beautifully perfumed. The group would make a most cherished gift for a bride-to-be.

FIELD FRAGRANCE: No summer would be complete without a new perfume which steals its fragrance from the fresh country field. This summer it is the clover which gives us great charm when we wear its essence—a fresh loveliness which men seem to appreciate after sniffing heavier brews for months!

THE MORE PRACTICAL SIDE: Toe nails need clipping and hang nails need nipping if you desire to keep your hands and toes perfectly groomed. The tool for these jobs is a sturdy, sharp pair of nippers and a leading nail polish firm has just introduced nippers in three sizes made of finely tempered steel. Women like the small, men like the large nippers.

looks into the mirror on the opposite wall, pulls her hair about a bit and says: "Oh, I don't mind what I have... you choose."

"Never knows what she wants either to eat or anything else." I seem to have heard you saying that one a good many times. And you're right. The whole business of choosing a meal, especially when you are there to do it for us is just a nuisance.

The secret is out—everyone knows it. Your secret that you told to the only girl you really trusted.

"Trust a woman," you say, bitterly thinking what a fool you were.

We admit it... the bit about trusting us. With a secret or a bit of information. We're careless talkers—all the time.

We don't mean to be, but the awful desire to inform gets us. We just must show that we have inside information. You hear about the latest tell-tale and say: "Just like a woman." And you're right.

"Shan't Be Five Minutes Dear!"

Just like a woman. You men say something like that thousands of times a year. It's your favourite crack at us. Most times you do your wise-cracking with a lot of other men when we are out of hearing.

But when you are exasperated



A driving boss may achieve accomplishment but he mows down a lot of people along his path of endeavour.

and, angry or just plain bored, you flick us raw with: "Just like a woman!" We hate it and we say so... unless we are very exceptional women.

But all the same... you're right.

Five minutes to wait for her. She is going to be ready, all set. "That means half an hour," you growl, and settle down with your newspaper.

How right you are. How well you know us. When it comes to fixing a new hair style or a different hat women have no more idea of time than a broken alarm clock.

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"Bet you anything there's a girl at that wheel," you shout madly.

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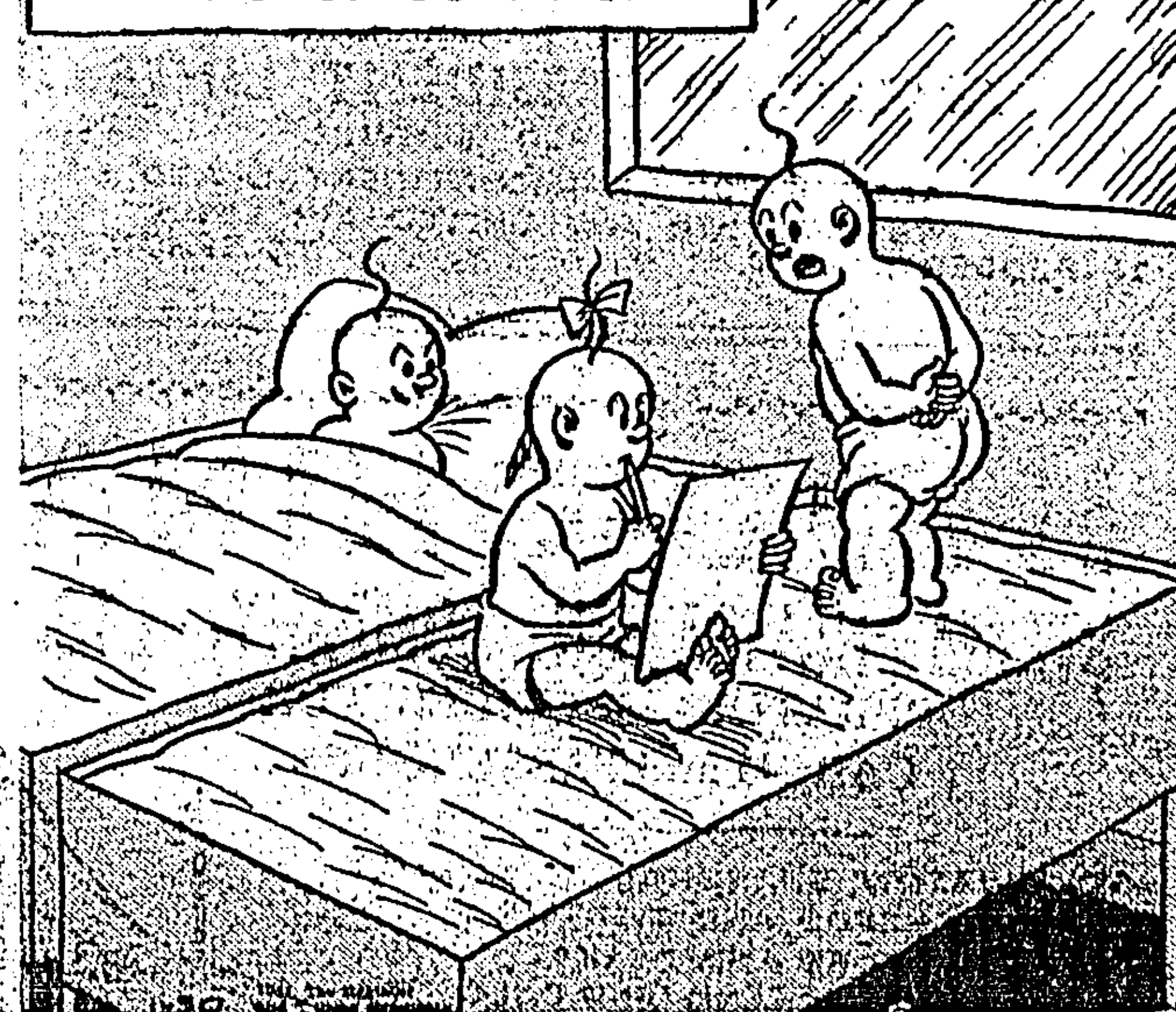
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MR. T. K. LI'S 'DOUBLE' AT FINAL 'POW' OF H.K. JOCKEY CLUB

THE FINAL "POW" OF THE SEASON WAS HELD AT THE VALLEY THIS MORNING AND WAS HIGHLIGHTED BY A "DOUBLE" FOR MR. T. K. LI, THE POPULAR OWNER, WHO WON THE EVENT FOR AUSTRALIAN PONIES ON HIS ODIN AND CAME FIRST PAST THE POST IN THE CHINA PONIES EVENT ON ANOTHER OF HIS PONIES, ODEON.

There was a minor mishap during the second race — for China ponies — when Mr. L. S. Mui, on Clowner, was unseated just after the start. Fortunately, however, he was none the worse for his experience and returned to the jockeys' room unassisted. This morning's races were run at catchweights, and due to the fact that there was a great deal of difference in "class" there was quite some distance separating the first few ponies from the rest of the field in both events. Results were:—

1 Mile Race for Australian Ponies.
1. Odin (T. K. Li).
2. Rising Star (K. Kwok).
3. Sparrow (K. F. Chiu).
9 starters. Won by 1½ lengths; many lengths. Time: 25; 54; 124.1; 1.54.1.

Also ran: Casino (C. F. Ng). Joan (Chan Oi-wan), Pigtail (T. L. Tseng), Ophir (P. M. Hoo).

V.R.C. GALA THIS EVENING

VICTORIA RECREATION CLUB ARE HOLDING THEIR LAST INTRA-MEMBERS' SWIMMING GALA THIS EVENING AT 6.07 P.M. IN PREPARATION FOR THE COLONY CHAMPIONSHIPS LATER IN THE MONTH.

Charles Huang, who did well against Chan Chan-num and Ng Nin in the Championships last year, will be competing after a short illness, and will attempt to better 2 mins. 30 secs. a mark which he has set himself this season.

A. L. Rumjahn will also attempt to cover the 100 Yards back-stroke event in under 70 secs.

Following is the programme of events:—

MEN'S
220 Yards free-style (Handicap). "A" Class.
100 Yards back-stroke (Handicap). Diving.
50 Yards free-style (Handicap). "B" Class.
50 Yards breast-stroke (Handicap). 150 Yards Mixed Relay (six-a-side).
LADIES'
50 Yards free-style. "A" Class.
25 Yards free-style (Handicap). Beginners.
50 Yards breast-stroke (Handicap). 50 Yards free-style (Handicap). "B" and Beginners Classes.
50 Yards back-stroke (Handicap).
BOYS'
50 Yards back-stroke (Handicap). 100 Yards free-style (Handicap). 100 Yards breast-stroke (Handicap).



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A. K. Rumjahn, who will attempt to better 70 seconds in the 100 Yards back-stroke event at the V.R.C. gala this evening.

VOLUNTEER SWIMMING CHAMPIONSHIP

It was decided at a meeting of the Hong Kong Volunteer Defence Corps Swimming Committee, held at Corps Headquarters last evening, that the annual Corps Swimming Championships will be held in the Army Pool on Saturday, September 20, and that for the first time the programme will include events open to the Garrison.

This innovation should prove extremely popular as competition between teams representing Volunteers, Army and Navy promises to be very keen.

There will also be a championship race for the Nursing Division, while a relay race will be held between teams representing the Nursing Division, A.N.S., A.R.P. and Military Nurses.

In addition there will be races open to the Police and A.R.P. men respectively, while a water-polo match will be played between Volunteers and Combined Services.

The Volunteers' Selection Committee will comprise L. A. Soares (Portuguese Companies), H. Wing Lee (No. 3 Company) and R. Goldman (No. 1 Company).

In Aid Of Charity

Proceeds will be in aid of the British Prisoners of War Fund and as an added attraction a band will be in attendance during the evening. Tickets will be at \$2.50 (or "what you will") and \$1.00. Servicemen to be admitted at half-price to the \$1 seats.

The programme will be as follows:—

CORPS CHAMPIONSHIPS
4 x 2 lengths free-style relay race.
3 x 1 length medley relay race.
1 length free-style (A.F.S.).
High Dive (3 dives each).
6 x 1 length free-style relay race.

INTER-GARRISON EVENTS
6 x 1 length medley relay (two swimmers each for breast, back and free-style).
4 x 3 lengths free-style relay.
High Dive.
Water-Polo (Volunteers v Services).
3 lengths individual medley.

OTHER EVENTS
Nursing Division Championship Relay Race (Ladies).
1 length free-style (Police).
1 length free-style (A.R.P., Men).

BRITISH GIRLS IN 3RD ROUND

Miss Valerie Scott and Miss Nina Brown, the two English girls taking part in the American Women's Lawn Tennis Championships at Forest Hills, entered the Third Round of the tournament yesterday. Miss Scott beating Miss Barbara Strohbar 6-0, 9-7, and Miss Brown beat Miss Lillian Popaus 6-1, 6-3.

Bryan "Bitsy" Grant, one of the leading contenders in the men's singles event, had a three-hour battle before beating Pancho Segura, from Ecuador, 8-6, 4-6, 9-7, 6-2.—Reuter.

DID YOU KNOW?

Lefty Grove's mark of 300 victories records 195 with Athletics and 105 with the Red Sox. His standing:

	Won	Lost
Boston	35	8
Chicago	41	18
Cleveland	44	22
Detroit	60	18
New York	34	26
Philadelphia	13	4
St. Louis	42	16
Washington	31	25
	300	137

California is regarded as a slight favourite to win the Pacific Coast football title this year.

Mike Gonzales, former St. Louis Cardinal back-stop and long a Red Bird coach, names Rogers Hornsby as the best batter in history. Grover Cleveland Alexander the finest pitcher in a pinch, and "me, Gonzales" the top catcher of all time.

THE PERFECT SOCCER REFEREE'S MAKE-UP

The first monthly meeting of Hong Kong Football Referees' Association, held last night at Hotel Cecil, was very well attended and was presided over by Mr. H. Board, the chairman.

It was suggested that the annual game between Referees and Press be played on Armistice Day, before the annual Charity game, and that Hong Kong Football Association be asked for the necessary permission.

A tribute to the work P. O. Mario, who is leaving shortly, had done for soccer in Hong Kong was paid by the chairman and R. S. M. Ford. Both speakers wished him the best of luck in his new station.

In the course of his lecture, Lieut. Crosby said in part:—

"I do not know what the standard of refereeing is in the Colony. I have only had the opportunity as yet to see one or two Service games—my resultant opinion I will not make public, be it good or bad—but the standard ought to be very high in a tight little island like Hong Kong, where educational classes should be easy to hold. I am very proud to be able to associate Army P.A. Referee classes this year with those of Hong Kong Referees Society, and as far as it lies in our power—and I think I am right in saying that I speak for all members of the controlling Committee when I say this—

we shall do our best to give the candidates a good understanding of the meaning of the Laws and their application and the way to apply them, and I sincerely hope that Hong Kong F.A. will support us by accepting and recognising our examinations.

"I would appeal to all Army Units and Civil clubs to use registered referees in their practice games, trainees in particular, and if any Unit or Club can help in this way they have only to apply to the Secretary of the Referee classes—R.S.M. E. C. Ford at Military Headquarters—who will provide them with an official for any game.

Referee Essentials

"What essentials must be in a Referee, and all referees? Well, lots of people will differ from me, but for what it is worth, I say that he must have, love of the game, love of fair play, love of control, a hard skin, personality, unbiased mind, quickness in perception, imperviousness to other people's opinion, non-orthodox-conscious, desire to serve follow men and many other qualities which you can add to this list to suit yourself, but, of course, added to all these, which are more or less personal, must be a complete knowledge of the Laws etc. of the

ROYALS APPEAR TO HAVE SOLVED INSIDE-FORWARD PROBLEMS

By "Referee"

No team in First Division last season ever faced Royal Scots with absolute confidence, as it was well-known that Royals could on their day provide the strongest opposition to any side, and, with all of last season's team available and already in form, Royals are expected to do even better this coming football season.

Last season nine Royals represented Scotland in the semi-final of the "Sunday Herald" International Charity Cup—in which they caused a sensation by beating China, the holders—the two "outsiders" being Howlett and Ferrier of Police, who were inside-forwards. The lowly position of Royals in the League was then attributed to the lack of good inside-forwards, but from the friendly game on Saturday against Middlesex it was apparent that they will have little to worry on that score this season as both Fleming and MacDonald gave very impressive displays.

Bankier, who is ranked one of the best goalkeepers at present in the

Colony, came into prominence in the latter stages of last season when he gave several rousing displays in representative games, particularly in the Governor's Cup competition, and with the perfect understanding existing between him, Naysmith and Fraser, Royals have a trio of defenders well high the best in the Colony.

"Safety" Fraser

Sgt. Fraser, left-back, has not been nicknamed "Safety" without good reason. His positional play is a feature of his game, while his clean kicking and hard tackling have relieved many dangerous situations. Naysmith also played some very good games last season. He did not have so many opportunities in representative games, but in the few that he did play he showed that he was worthy of the position.

Royal Scots may not have brilliant players for their intermediate line, but

CLUB PLAYERS IN TRAINING

Hong Kong Football Club players were seen at practice yesterday afternoon, among those on view being J. Skinner, K. Forrow, A. Odell, S. Fowler, Dr. Shaw and H. Millington.

A number of players from Sing Tao, who share the ground with Club, were also in action, among the senior players being Ip Pak-wah, Kwok Ying-kee, Tang Kwong-sum and Lai Shui-wing.

CLUB'S FIRST GAME

Hong Kong Football Club are meeting Royal Engineers in a friendly football game on the Club ground on Saturday, September 13.

game and regulations for its control. I will add a high sense of duty to the list, for a referee must be a man who, once having agreed to do a thing, will let nothing deter him from doing it.

"I have omitted fitness from my list of attributes of a referee, for, while agreeing that fitness is important, and greatly important at that, I think that too much of a fetish is made of it. An ultra fit man is apt to try and keep too close to the ball, and with the diagonal control system it is not necessary to keep always close to the ball.

One point of advice, culled from experience, is: don't be familiar with players, officials or any one connected with clubs or competitions; it breeds suspicion of your neutrality and impartiality—the two most precious items in a Referee's reputation. Don't go or come to a ground with officials or teams, do not discuss the game or your decisions, or anybody else's, with the players or officials. Let your appearances on the field be your only public ones—don't get yourself noticed for unseemly behaviour; be quiet and inconspicuous off the field, but boss on it. Be smart and clean in your appearance."

they have a wealth of talent in this department, and any three chosen should do well. Royals' half-backs have often upset many a good forward line with their hard and quick tackling.

Falconer, who plays a hard and robust game at all times, will probably be seen in the pivotal position with Clark and Munro as his wing-halves. Pte. Fraser, Parnaby and Marshall are others likely to be considered.



FALCONER

Auld Leading Attack

Auld will be leading the attack. The manager of one of the Chinese teams has a great opinion of him. He has height, can use his head well, has a powerful shot, and only requires a little more ball control and steadiness in front of goal to make him one of the most dangerous forwards in the Colony. In a friendly game recently Moore, who played for the juniors at Centre-half last season, was tried on the left-wing, but it has not yet been decided who will fill that position.

Hossack will be seen on the right-wing and when on form he is very dangerous, possessing speed, good ball control, a good swerve and a centre of the right height. The inside-forwards, Fleming and MacDonald, impressed in last Saturday's game and should hold these positions.

Junior Talent

Royals' juniors are expected to figure prominently in Second Division, and if the calls of the senior team are less than they were last season Royals should be near the top of the division. Clark and Satter are the two goalkeepers—the latter played for Kowloon juniors last season, while the former played some good games last season. Thomson and Parnaby, last year's full-backs, are still available, while the intermediate line, who may lose Moore, through promotion, can claim Gibson, Gibb, Fraser and Marshall among others.

The juniors will miss Auld, who was their main goal-scorer, but they have enough material, with practice, should blend into a good forward line.

Following have been registered with Hong Kong Football Association:—L/Cpl. Larkin, Pte. Auld, Pte. D. Gibb, Pte. S. Parnaby, Pte. Satter, Pte. Falconer, L/Cpl. Gibson, Pte. Gardner, Pte. Adamson, L/Cpl. R. Parnaby, Pte. Forrest, Pte. Clark, Pte. Moore, Pte. Woods, Pte. Fraser, L/Cpl. Fowler, Pte. Thomson, L/Cpl. Munro, L/Cpl. Hunter, Pte. Laws, L/Cpl. Wiseman, Sgt. Fraser, Pte. Clarke, Cpl. Marshall, Pte. Hossack, Pte. Bailey, Pte. D. Fleming, Pte. McDonald.

SOUTH CHINA'S JUNIOR PLAYERS

Following are South China's Second Division football players already signed up:—Ho Po-pui, Chan Yue-ching, Ho Lok-kee, Chang Hoi-cheung, Lee Chi-ho, Fook Yiu-wah, Lai Chung-yuen, Che Wing-kuen, Chin Chun-fai and Lee Tien-kai.

NEW SING TAO CENTRE-HALF

Mong Yu-liang, a centre-half from Shanghai, has arrived in the Colony and will be playing for Sing Tao in the Football League.

JOHN CHYE DUE HERE SHORTLY

It is rumoured that John Chye, well-known Singapore Chinese soccer centre-forward, is arriving in the Colony shortly and will be signing on for Sing Tao.

Grass Track Good As Ever: Betting Facilities Improved

By "Rapiet"

AFTER AN INTERVAL OF THREE MONTHS, RACING WILL ON SEPTEMBER 27 AGAIN BECOME THE MAJOR ATTRACTION IN LOCAL SPORT.

THERE IS NO DOUBT THAT THE PONIES HAVE BENEFITTED FROM THEIR WELL-MERITED REST, AND, WITH THE APPROACH OF THE NEXT RACE MEETING, THEY HAVE BEEN PUT THROUGH INTENSIVE TRAINING. MOST OF THE PONIES THAT WERE SENT AWAY HAVE NOW RETURNED, AND IT IS CONFIDENTLY EXPECTED THAT THEY WILL BE IN FINE CONDITION FOR RACING IN GOOD TIME.

During the interval the officials of Hong Kong Jockey Club have been extremely busy in making improvements. A new coat of grass has been laid down almost all round the track, and the Members' Pari-Mutuel counters, which were previously in the middle of the hall, have been moved back towards the wall, replacing the Members' "Daily Double" counter and thus allowing more room to move about in.

Before I proceed to give a few notes on current training, I would like to refer to the loss which racing in particular, and sport in general, will sustain with the departure from this Colony of H.E. the Governor, Sir Geoffrey Northcote, and Lady Northcote. Ever since their arrival in this Colony they have made themselves most popular through the keen interest which they evinced in the various branches of sport. Lady Northcote was the owner of Gladiator, a China pony, and Devonian, an Australian pony, and had several successes. I am sure I am only voicing the sentiments of my readers when I express the hope that Sir Geoffrey will soon be restored to good health.

Confusion Bay Declining?

I HAVE had several opportunities of watching the morning gallops which have been in progress for some time, and, although it is rather too early at the moment to state anything with any degree of certainty, I trust that the following pointers will serve a useful purpose.

There seems to be something wrong with Confusion Bay, the Champion China Pony. I may be wrong, but observation of this pony in training gives me the impression that it is declining. It has lost some of its fire, and I am afraid that its prospects of retaining the championship are not particularly bright.

Oolong, the Derby winner, and the best of this year's griffins, has evidently benefited from the summer rest and is looking extremely fit. If it can be kept in its present form, it will be hard to beat in the Hong Kong Autumn Champions. O-Lan, Dupont Bay, Hillsboro Bay, Galveston Bay, Odeon and Mount Hope Bay, all of which are always dangerous contenders, are coming along nicely, particularly the last-named, which appears to be slowly but surely regaining its old form after its lameness.

BASKETBALL TO-NIGHT

Two matches in the Open Basketball League will be played at Kowloon Chinese Y.M.C.A. to-night, when Bank Union meet Trojans and Chinese Y.M.C.A. come up against Yu Leang.

Lady Wakehurst Beats Lindrum ---

Many thousands of pounds have been raised for various war funds and charities, and while golf heads the list in Great Britain, billiards and snooker are well in the picture.

Walter Lindrum, too, has been raising thousands for War Funds, and he recently passed the £20,000 mark.

He has been giving fantastic starts to rivals in his charity games, and has, naturally, not always been able to beat the self-imposed handicap. For example, he conceded 88 in a hundred to Lady Wakehurst, wife of the Governor of New South Wales. She failed to score on her first visit, as did Lindrum. Then Lady

Wakehurst, who declared that she "couldn't play billiards for toffee" scored a table length cannon and potted the red for a break of 5 which gave her victory by 103 points to 0.

Lindrum has also been sending the world record, under the new ball rule, higher and higher. In July, 1940 he set the record at 3,301, when playing against his brother Fred. Last April he made new figures of 3,735 but he has since raised the total to 3,762, an effort which took him three hours.

Another record of his has been the quick-scoring one of 100 points in 38 3/5 secs, beating his own previous best by ten seconds. — Reuter.

ST. LEGER BETTING

Yesterday's call-over for the St. Leger, to be run at Manchester on Saturday, was as follows:

Mazarin 6 to 1 o, 13 to 2 t.
Chateau la Rose, 8 to 1 o, 13 to 2 t.
Owen Tudor, 15 to 2 o, 8 to 1 t.
Suncastle, 8 to 1 t and o.
Devonian, 9 to 1 t and o.
Royalist, 10 to 1 o, 11 to 1 t.
Bakhtawar, 100 to 9 o, 100 to 8 t.
Orthodox, 100 to 6 o.
Lambert Simmel, 18 to 1 o.
Dancing Time, 20 to 1 o.
Ptolemy, 20 to 1 o.
Starwort, 20 to 1 o, 25 to 1 t.
Folous, 22 to 1 o, 25 to 1 t.
Firozedin, 25 to 1 o.
Royal Academy, 33 to 1 o, 40 to 1 t.
Fettes, 33 to 1 o.
Ranger, 100 to 1 o.

There will be further call-overs on Thursday and Friday.—Reuter.

Bill Flak, former Southern California end and now a member of the Detroit Lions, is spending the Summer in the movies.

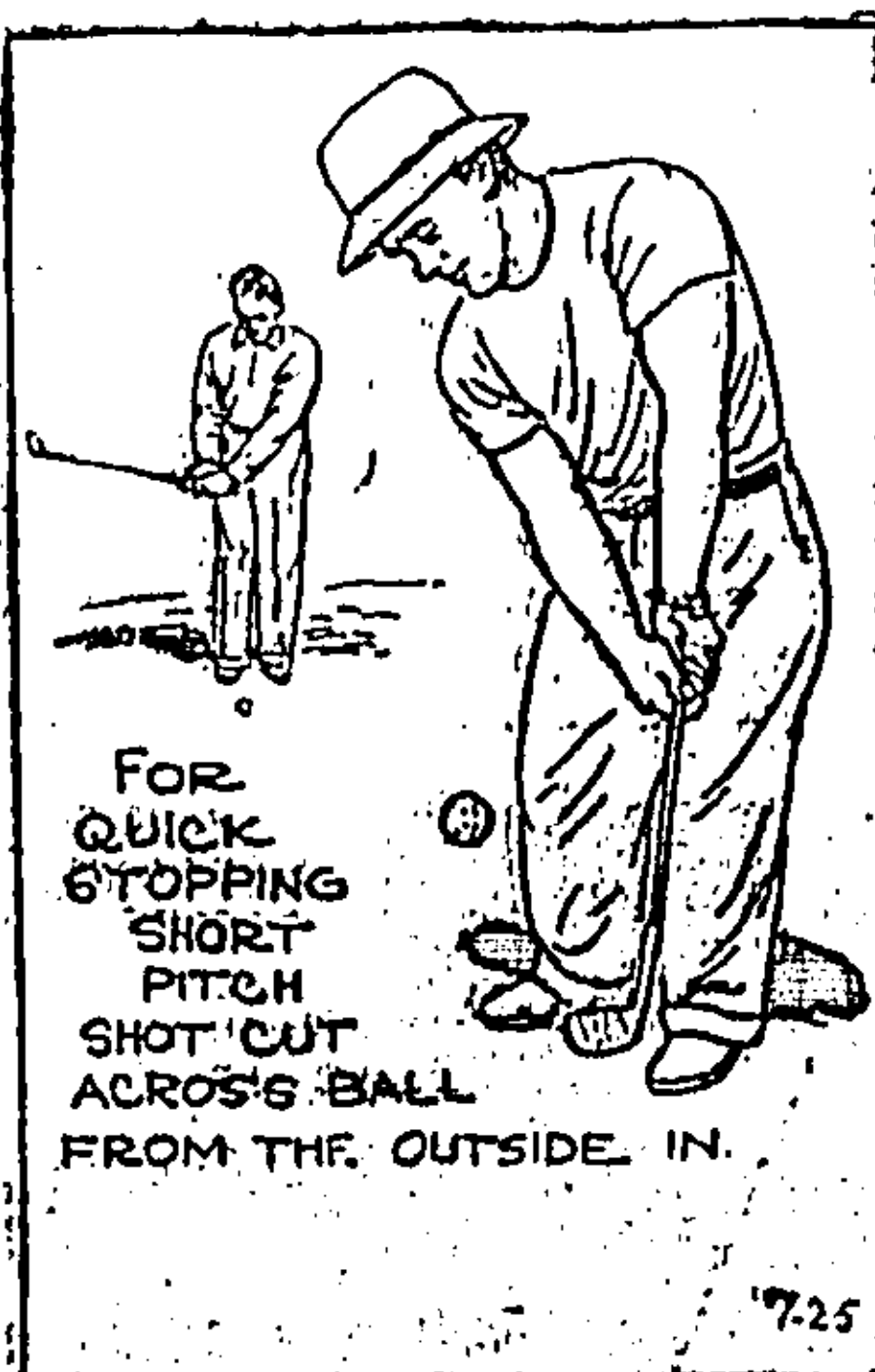
Joe Dutton, son of Mervyn (Red) Dutton, manager of the New York Americans National Hockey League team, received wings last month at graduating class exercises of the No. 5 Royal Canadian Air Force Training School.

Jack Stackpool, University of Washington Varsity full-back, is rated as the hardest full-back to bring down that the Huskies have had since Paul Suklosky. Stackpool is surprisingly fast for his height and weight—he stands six feet one inch and weighs 190 pounds. He is a senior.

Easier Golf

SHORT PITCH SHOT By Best Ball

In addition to the short pitch shot which hits the ball a descending blow, the loft of the clubface adding spin, there is still another method that is in more or less favour among experienced golfers. This is the cut shot, illustrated above, in which the face of the club is opened and on contact with the ball drawn across it from the right to the left. In both instances supple hand and wrist action is



desired. In the cut shot the procedure is expedited by using a slightly open stance, left leg slightly withdrawn from the line of flight. This allows the arms and hands to draw the face of the club-head inward across the ball without hindrance from the left side which is turned aside out of the way.

The backspin and sidespin imparted by such a shot has the capacity of making the ball rise quickly and stop quickly. The ball is inclined to have a slight left to right fade and at the finish bounce a little to the right. Allowance should be made for this when lining up the shot.

GOLF ITEMS

O. E. C. MARTON IN FINE FORM AT ROSE BAY

SKILFUL ROYAL HONG KONG CLUB PLAYER, O. E. C. MARTON, WAS AGAIN IN FINE FORM AT ROSE BAY, WRITES THE "SYDNEY SUN" OF JULY 27.

He started with a fine drive and a birdie three at the first, and had an eagle three at the 483 yards 15th, in a card of 3 5 3 4 4 5 4 4—38, in 6 4 4 5 3 3 9 4 4—38—74.

SOME of us don't get very far playing in golf tournaments, but we meet a lot of interesting people, writes Richards Vidmer. You've probably met the same types around your own course, for golfers can be classified as distinctively as clubs.

For instance, there is "open champion." He generally plays in the low 80's, but he takes on all the characteristics of a fellow playing for the championship of the world. Even in a friendly match, if he gets some one he can beat easily, he studies every putt from both ends, looks over the texture of the green and wipes off his hands before taking a stance. On the tee he steps up to the ball smartly, fixes his feet just so and holds his pose after hitting the ball.

THEN there is the jitterbug. His own shadow worries him and if a caddy on the adjoining fairway should move as he makes a shot it is almost worth his life. He is the fellow who asks you to stand somewhere else when he is about to drive. It doesn't matter where you happen to be standing, he just doesn't want you there. He explains almost every shot he misses by the fact that a bird chirped just as he was at the top of his backswing, or a car passed down the road, a quarter of a mile away.

AND perhaps you've seen the consultant. He's a very common type and found frequently in the rough. He always asks you what club you use and then goes into conference with his caddy about what club he should use. He also wants to know if the green slopes to the right or the left when he's two brassie shots away and no matter how often he has played a course he glances at the card on each tee to find out what the yardage of the hole is. We hope to give you a few more next week.

The Pittsburgh Baseball Club has cancelled its option on Ace Parker, baseball and football star now with the Portsmouth (Va.) Club of the Piedmont League. In professional football, Parker plays for the Brooklyn Dodgers of the National League.

K.B.G.C. WIN AT MING YUEN

Kowloon Bowling Green Club beat Hong Kong Electric Recreation Club by 21 shots in a friendly flood-lit lawn bowls game at Ming Yuen last night.

K.B.G.C.	H.K.E.R.C.
H. Bicknell	A. Edgar
S. C. Walker	A. G. Everett
C. E. Langley	W. E. MacFarlane
L. A. Jordan	A. G. Gardner
(Skip)	(Skip)
19	15
A. Bower	L. Sykes
C. W. Elphick	G. W. Crawford
O. E. Turpin	R. C. Butler
E. V. Searle	J. F. Lunney
(Skip)	(Skip)
31	14
J. Hurst	W. E. Baker
W. M. Wilson	R. W. Smith
G. Thompson	J. K. Sloan
C. Willis	A. F. Paul
(Skip)	(Skip)
18	18
Totals	68 47

CUP BOWLS DRAW

Following is the revised draw for the Goscombe O'Sullivan Cup lawn bowls competition:—Police "A" v P.W.D. "C"; Prisons "B" v Medicals "C"; Small Units v P.W.D. "B"; Medicals "C" v Education "B"; Medicals "A" v Police "C"; Prisons "C" v Police "F"; Education "A" v Prisons "A"; Police "B" v P.W.D. "A"; Medicals "B" v Senior Clerical "A"; Police "D" v Post Office.

Following draw byes:—Senior Clerical "B" P.W.D. "E" P.W.D. "D" Harbour Department, Police "E" and Treasury and Audit.

TO-DAY'S TENNIS

Following is to-day's Tennis League programme:—First Division—S.C.A.A. v C.R.C.; H.K.C.C. v H.K.U.T.C. Third Division—C.R. v A.R.C.; C.R.C. (1) v K.T.G.C.A.; H.K.U.T.C. v K.C.C.; S.C.A.A. v K.I.T.C.

Following are the selected teams: C.R.C. (2)—W. T. Lee and Y. C. Lu; K. L. Ho and Y. Y. Lam; O. L. Pang and K. C. Ng.

S.C.A.A.—B. Szeto and K. Liu; K. H. Ip and W. C. Ho; F. N. Wong and Lam Kwan.

C.R.C. (1)—C. Wei and H. Chung; H. N. Chau and N. C. Tang; K. N. Lee and K. F. Fung.

K.T.G.C.A.—A. H. Basto and S. T. Chan; S. Hsu and L. Chan; D. Kwok and E. Penn.

K.I.T.C.—S. A. Hussain and H. M. Singh; S. S. Hussain and S. A. M. Sepher; M. Ramzan and G. M. Khan.



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BRITISH COLUMN WELCOMED

(BY REUTER'S SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT WITH THE IMPERIAL FORCES IN IRAN: FROM KERMANSHAH TO BAGHDAD BY RUNNER).

Over desert wastes and mountain passes the Imperial columns are forging ahead into Iran at phenomenal speed.

So swift is the advance that war correspondents are having the greatest difficulty in keeping pace and maintaining contact.

THE BRITISH TROOPS HAD AN INSPIRING RECEPTION AT KERMANSHAH. CROWDS LINED THE STREETS FIVE DEEP AND ALTHOUGH NOT DEMONSTRATIVE THEY WERE QUIETLY SYMPATHETIC.

When trucks and lorries of the mile-long British columns stopped they were immediately surrounded by crowds of interested inhabitants who offered fruit and vegetables to the soldiers.

Stocks of wheat are already arriving to refill the granaries which had been emptied on behalf of the Nazis.

I saw truckload after truckload of sacks of wheat rumbling into Kermanshah close in the wake of the British forces.—Reuter.

TURN FOR BETTER

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

The labour situation in Shanghai took a turn for the better yesterday, when 1,400 Shanghai and Hongkew Wharf workers returned, ending the fortnight-long dispute.—International News Service.

Doubt About Some French Officers

GENERAL DENTZ, formerly Vichy High Commissioner in Syria, who was held by the British pending the return of Allied prisoners, is to be released, according to the Vichy news agency.

The exchange of French and British prisoners following the events in Syria is practically completed, the agency says.

General Dentz and a certain number of French officers were held as prisoners until a group of British officer prisoners, who had been landed on an Italian island when the plane in which they were being taken to France had to come down, were returned to the British Army.

General Dentz and General Jennikins and all the French officers will shortly leave Beirut for France, except two generals and a lieutenant-colonel, who will be kept as prisoners until several British officers, who were wounded and are now being treated in French hospitals, are freed.

Free French Officers

Several officials are being held on account of certain Free French officers who were taken prisoner. These officers no longer wish to rejoin the Free French movement.

It is thought they may be able to declare on oath at the U.S. Embassy that they took their decision freely so that it may be possible to liberate the French officials.—Reuter.

THAILAND APPEAL FOR PEACE

WITH THE EUROPEAN WAR ENTERING ITS THIRD YEAR TO-DAY THE THAI GOVERNMENT YESTERDAY ISSUED A 2,000-WORD APPEAL TO BELLIGERENT AS WELL AS NEUTRAL COUNTRIES AND TO RELIGIOUS, EDUCATIONAL AND CHARITABLE INSTITUTIONS THROUGHOUT THE WORLD TO DO ALL THEY CAN TO BRING ABOUT WORLD PEACE.

It is pointed out the appeal is essentially inspired by the religious outlook of Thais, who as Buddhists ardently desire the peace and happiness of the whole world.

"Therefore the smallness of our country's size," adds the appeal, "does not deter us from urging the great powers to work for the immediate restoration of peace."—Reuter.

PETAINE CLIQUE OUTWITTED

ONE HUNDRED AND TWENTY MEMBERS OF THE CREW OF THE "PROVIDENCE," WHICH IS ONE OF THREE FRENCH VESSELS IN BEIRUT FOR THE REPATRIATION OF VICHY SUPPORTERS, THREW THEMSELVES INTO BEIRUT HARBOUR AND SWAM ASHORE WHERE THEY JOINED GENERAL DE GAULLE'S FREE FRENCH FORCES.

The entire crew of the vessel had been picked from a special camp near Toulon for staunch Petainist sailors and had repeatedly sworn allegiance to Vichy.

Not a single man of the 120 was actually a seaman, which has resulted in Vichy issuing a decree providing 20 years' imprisonment for non-seamen who pose as sailors.—Reuter.

TYPHOON SIGNAL LOWERED

THE NO. 1 TYPHOON SIGNAL WAS LOWERED AT 7 A.M. TO-DAY.

Local observations indicate that the typhoon has entered the Gulf of Tongking, moving in a west-north-west direction.

These observations, it is pointed out by the Royal Observatory, have, however, not yet been confirmed.

Vichy Water

TWO NEW REGULATIONS CAME INTO FORCE YESTERDAY, STATED THE VICHY NEWS AGENCY.

Jews will no longer be allowed to own wireless receiving sets. Cafes and restaurants will not be allowed to serve alcoholic drinks to young people under 20.—Reuter.

STOP PRESS

The possibility of a Japanese ministerial crisis is envisaged in Japanese quarters in Shanghai, says the Shanghai correspondent of the Independent French agency.

This would be a result of the growing anti-Axis movement at the head of which are said to be the former Foreign Minister, Mr. Matsuoka, the Ambassador in Washington, Admiral Nomura, and the former Commander in China, General Shigeru Honjo.

Should a crisis develop it is regarded as probable that Admiral Nomura would be recalled to become Premier, says the correspondent.

The correspondent adds that observers point out that although Japan has received no response to the representations concerning the despatch of oil to Russia by the United States, Japanese officials refrained from comment.

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FINLAND WILL FIGHT ON

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

Finland has issued a denial of reports that her troops will cease the advance when the lost territory has been fully recovered.

"Finland will not give up the battle," it was stated, "until the menace from the east is totally eliminated."

Six Leftist members of the Finnish Parliament have been arrested on a charge of high treason, it was announced in Helsinki.—International News Service.

MUSSOLINI ASKED TO FILL GAPS

M. Lozovsky, the spokesman, said in Moscow yesterday Hitler had appealed to Mussolini to fill the gaps caused by huge Nazi losses on the eastern front, says Reuter.

ODESSA CLAIM

Rumanian troops have captured the Odessa waterworks, which are outside the city, according to the German official news agency quoted by Reuter.

Public Announcement Heavy Attack In Bobruisk Sector

(By "Annalist")

THE FIRST OFFICIAL HINT THAT THE SOVIET HIGH COMMAND IS TAKING THE OFFENSIVE IN SOME SECTORS ON THE EASTERN FRONT MAY BE CONTAINED IN YESTERDAY'S RUSSIAN COMMUNIQUE, WHICH VARIES THE LANGUAGE CONSISTENTLY USED IN THE PAST AND NOW REFERS TO THE SOVIET ARMY "WAGING BATTLES" ALONG THE ENTIRE FRONT.

This formula may purposely be vague to cover both the "stern resistance" which has been the common lot of the Russian army in the past 11 weeks and the "counter-attacks" to which the Russians are loath to commit themselves publicly.

Authoritative quarters in London are still without any direct confirmation of the reported counter-attacks and are able merely to content themselves with such a deduction or to assume that as these reports emanate chiefly from German sources they may be merely an overdone subtle form of Nazi propaganda designed to provide excuses to the German people for the lack of any recent German advance.

Rather naturally the German High Command does not subscribe to these stories but contents itself with the assertion that operations are proceeding according to plan—a claim which can hardly be reconciled with the vigorous counter-action by its enemy.

Hopeful Aspect

It is difficult under the circumstances (Continued on Page 16)

Japan Worries Nazis

Anxiety is felt in Germany about Japan's present attitude towards the world situation, according to the Berlin correspondent of the "Basler Nachrichten."

Cause of this anxiety, he says, are reports circulating that Mr. Matsuo, one of the sponsors of the Tripartite Pact with the Axis, resigned from the post of Foreign Minister in favour of Admiral Toyoda in order to give the latter an opportunity of bringing about a Japanese-American understanding.

It is admitted that Admiral Toyoda has always advocated good relations with the United States.—Reuter.

JAPANESE DISPLAY OF ILL FEELING

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

Harrowing tales of mistreatment and severe anti-foreign discrimination were related in Shanghai yesterday by travellers on board the "Tatuta Maru" which arrived from Kobe on Saturday.

Travellers revealed they were forced to sign numerous permits before leaving the country and many were forced to leave minus their baggage owing to severe restrictions on luggage.

Premier Takes Control

It was officially announced in Bangkok yesterday that the Premier, Field-Marshal Luang Pibul Songgram, who is also Commander-in-Chief of the Thai Army, has been appointed special Commander-in-Chief of the Thai Navy and Air Force.

Already there are separate commanders-in-chief of the Navy and Air Force.

The announcement is generally considered another important step in Thailand's preparedness to meet all eventualities in the present critical situation in the Far East.

It will be recalled that the

Several Marine officers arrived in Shanghai without a single piece of luggage. Many trunks were thrown from the ship by the Japanese onto the wharf at Kobe before the ship sailed.

This discrimination was not only against British and Americans but was also directed against German and Italian passengers, indicating a general anti-foreign attitude.

Americans still remaining in Japan are anxious to leave but are meeting great difficulty in obtaining permission.—International News Service.

QUISLINGS SHOW IMPROVEMENT

The condition of both Pierre Laval and Marcel Deat continues to show considerable improvement, stated the Vichy news agency last evening.—Reuter.

Premier recently lightened his own burden of departmental duties by relinquishing three portfolios—Defence, Foreign Affairs and Interior.

Meanwhile, Bangkok is going ahead with A.R.P. and air raid shelters are under construction in many open sites in the centre of the city and parks on the city's outskirts.—Reuter.

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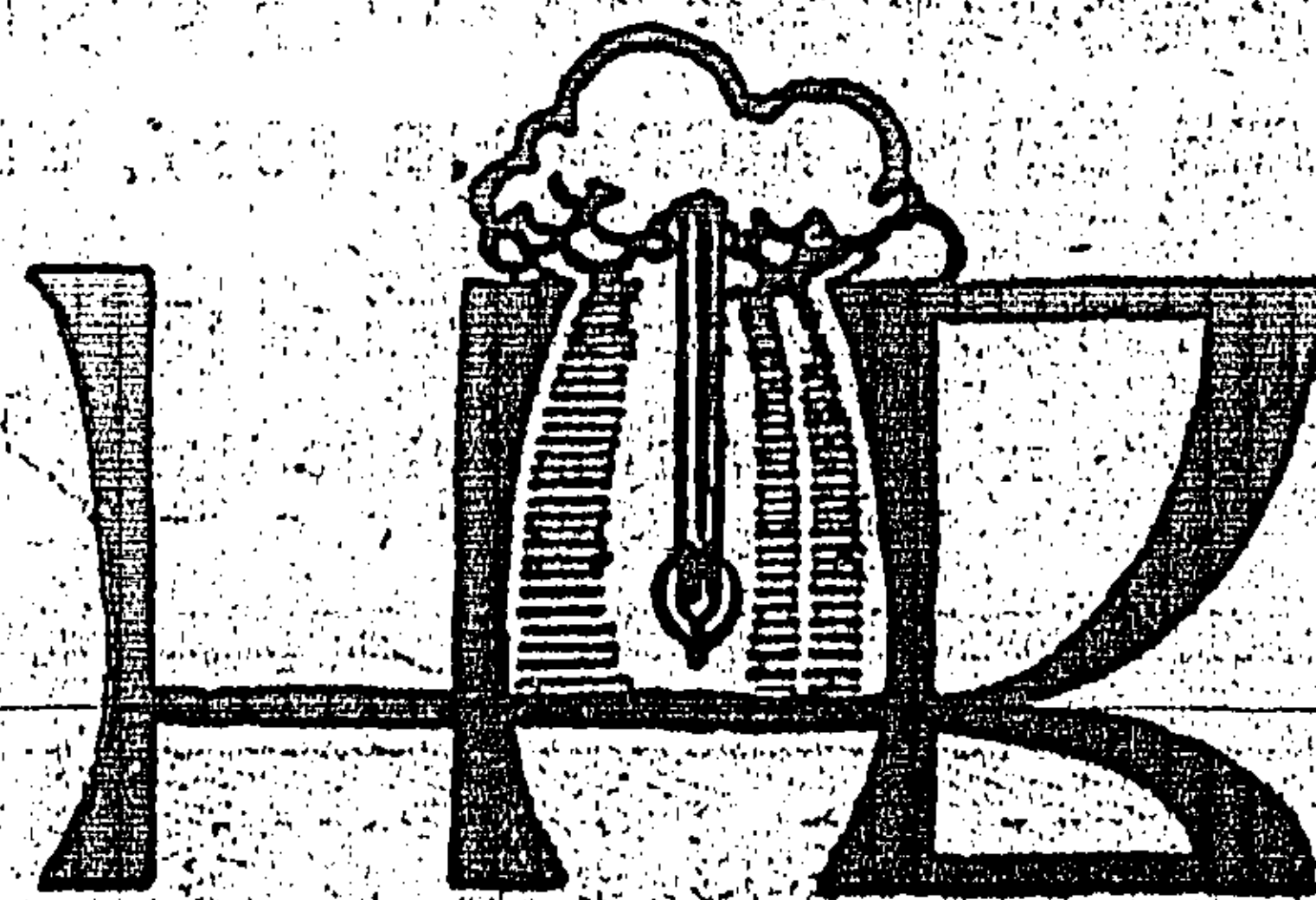
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INITIATIVE IN WAR OF AIR

R.A.F. Hitting Power Doubled

Comparisons After Two Years

(By Reuter's Air Correspondent)

THE ROYAL AIR FORCE NOW HAS THE INITIATIVE IN THE ANGLO-GERMAN AIR DUEL. THE REASONS ARE THREEFOLD AND OF EQUAL WEIGHT.

Eighteen months of strategic bombing of Germany's industrial and military resources and particularly of the Luftwaffe, Europe's pre-war air giant, is the first reason.

The war with Russia which Germany embarked upon in order to ensure her military and economic position from the effect of this massive and carefully-planned air assault, is the second.

Finally, the growth in production of planes and the intake of personnel — both doubled in 12 months — is having its inevitable sequel.

It is probable that American and Russian aid — the one long-expected and yet to reach its full measure, the other unheralded and quickly at its maximum strength — combined to tip neatly the balanced scales in this duel at the opening of the third year of hostilities in the R.A.F.'s favour.

A new air giant has arisen in Europe. It is not yet numerically a match for the Luftwaffe — half of which is fighting on the eastern front and half on the western front and the Mediterranean — but strategically and tactically it is in the supreme position.

The Battle of Britain proved the R.A.F.'s power in defence beyond all dispute. The Luftwaffe lost 2,375 aircraft while 375 R.A.F. fighter pilots were killed. That is now one whole year past.

Battle Of Germany

In the Battle of Germany now being pursued by day as well as

night the R.A.F. is preparing the way for the final defeat of tyranny with the sinister relentlessness of the combined force of Scotland Yard sleuths and Federal G-men out to crush the perpetrators of last year's smash and grab assault on the strong-room of freedom.

Naturally, losses have increased. Hitherto, however, the cost of holding the almost complete initiative has been relatively small.

What is more, for every five planes the R.A.F. lost over north-west Europe in July and August this year, at least four German defenders bit the dust.

The cost of the Luftwaffe of the July-August offensive against Britain last year was four to one in planes. Here are the figures:

1941, R.A.F. LOSSES 513, LUFTWAFFE 420.
1940, LUFTWAFFE LOSSES 1,338, R.A.F. 347.

Certain Latitude

Even allowing for a certain latitude in figures on air losses—a latitude which both sides enjoy—these prove conclusively the technical lead the R.A.F. gained with its eight-gun fighters in 1940 has been maintained with its faster, harder-hitting and higher-flying fighters of to-day rising to the world's fastest pursuit plane, the 400-mile an hour Spitfire, the most powerfully armed type, the Bristol Beau fighter, with its four cannon and six machine-guns, and aircraft with operational ceilings in excess of 35,000 feet.

British bombers, besides proving themselves better defended than those of the Luftwaffe, are now both in re-modelled and new types rolling off the assembly lines carrying both loads like the Short Stirling up to at least twice the weight of the Wellington's original two tons.

As the noted writer on aeronautical matters, Major Oliver Stewart, has written, aircraft speeds have gone up: something like 10 per cent. higher than 40 per cent. and loads and fire-power 100 per cent. in two years.

Keeping The Lead

In all these directions the R.A.F. has kept its lead and in the American Boeing probably possesses the best bomber in existence.

From the Air Ministry's review of the R.A.F. after two years of warfare, published yesterday, it is clear the main task of the R.A.F. Bomber Command is to make Germany's western front warmer as her eastern front becomes more bloody.

THE REVIEW ADDS: "THE WAR MAY SEE MANY NEW TASKS FOR THE BOMBER COMMAND" BUT STRATEGICALLY BOMBING BY NIGHT WILL FOR LONG BE ITS MAIN

FERRY PLANE DISASTER

The R.A.F. Ferry Commander in Montreal announced yesterday that the ferry plane previously reported missing crashed on a hillside in the United Kingdom. There were no survivors.—Reuter.

ADrift AT SEA FOR 41 DAYS

Officers and men of the Merchant Navy receive recognition in the latest list of civil awards given in the "London Gazette."

Five captains, two chief officers, five chief engineers, a second engineer, a donkeyman, trimmer, cook-steward, apprentice and two seamen have won medals for their bravery. Twenty-three officers and men are commended for their conduct in face of enemy ships, U-boats, bombers and mines.

The British Empire Medal is awarded to Seaman Evan Owen Griffiths, of Llandysul, Cardiganshire.

He lowered a jolly-boat from a blazing ship, picked up men in the water, and then steered clear of the ship, using floorboards as paddles.

There were biscuits but no water in the boat, and the men suffered thirst until heavy rain fell on the 11th day of their ordeal. The biscuits were finished on the 31st day. On the 41st day they were picked up.

Saved Ship's Master

When the badly wounded master of a damaged ship ordered his men to leave him and save themselves, Able Seaman Robert Hilton Percival, of North Shields, refused to go and tried to carry the master to the bulwark rail.

Four members of the crew who were already in one of the ship's boats clambered back on board and helped Percival.

The "Gazette" adds simply: "Percival, by his selfless devotion, saved the master's life." He receives the British Empire Medal, civil division.

EFFORT

The force for this purpose is already a great one, it will before long gain overwhelming strength.

Of the work of the Fighter Command, the review states its "immediate aim is to clear the skies of France of German aircraft" just as the skies of Britain were cleared in 1940.

Search And Strike

Meanwhile the R.A.F. Coastal Command has expended in two years of war almost out of recognition.

Its watchword is "We search and strike."

In two years there has not been one non-flying day in the Coastal Command notwithstanding the foulest weather and the worst Atlantic storms for two generations.

Forty million miles—equivalent to nearly half way to the sun—have been flown on more or less operational duties. The high aims and the achievements of the R.A.F. are rapidly becoming synonymous.—Reuter.

RUSSIAN OFFICIALS IN ALASKA

Five Russian officials have arrived at San Diego, Cal., and are negotiating with the Consolidated Aircraft Corporation for the purchase of giant bombing planes.

Officials of the Corporation admitted that the Russian seaplanes which landed at Nome, Alaska, on Monday, carrying 47 passengers, had been secured from their company through a deal made in 1937.

There is considerable speculation as to the purpose of the visit of the 47 among the Nome population where the planes landed to refuel, and it is thought possible they must be ferrying American planes back to Russia as most of them seem to be American.

Another suggestion is that that they are technicians coming to discuss technical problems.

An earlier message said they were all fliers, mechanics and radio operators, led by Mikhail Gromov, veteran Arctic flyer, and that they were all believed to be provided with diplomatic passports.—Reuter.

No Significance

International News quotes official Washington quarters as stating the Soviet mission is to discuss technical matters in connection with American aid to Russia and has no political or diplomatic significance. The personnel of the mission is believed to consist of army officers and engineers.

TOBRUK PATROLS ACTIVE

YESTERDAY'S MIDDLE EAST COMMUNIQUE SAID THAT DURING THE NIGHT OUR PATROLS FROM TOBRUK WERE ACTIVE.

In addition to inflicting casualties on the enemy in several sectors they captured and occupied an enemy position.

During the morning there were heavy dive-bombing and high level bombing attacks. Despite the weight of the attacks, in which about 100 aircraft were employed, damage and casualties were negligible.

In the frontier area there was considerable enemy shelling.—Reuter.

R.A.F. TOLL OF LUFTWAFFE

No fewer than 4,500 enemy aircraft have been destroyed in two years of war by the R.A.F. Fighter Command and A.A. defences. It was learned in well-informed London circles yesterday.

British losses have been 3,000 fighters but the loss of only 100 machines was made good.

UNITED STATES COOPERATION UNLIMITED

President Roosevelt's Labour Day speech is interpreted in Washington by authoritative circles as an indication of Mr. Churchill's success in enlisting United States unlimited cooperation in the war with Germany.

These circles said the "Atlantic Charter" has now become the United States' highest foreign policy.

President Roosevelt apparently had in mind Britain's war needs rather than United States needs when he demanded the unconditioned self-sacrifice of American industrial workers.

It is pointed out by these circles that the fact that two Labour leaders, William Green and Philip Murray, are following the lead set by the White House towards Labour, shows conclusively that regimentation is now reaching every quarter of American life, including Labour.—Reuter.

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Berlin "Believes" Battle For Leningrad Has Started

NAZIS MAKE USUAL CLAIMS

WELL-INFORMED BERLIN CIRCLES "BELIEVE THE BATTLE FOR LENINGRAD HAS ALREADY BEGUN," SAYS THE BERLIN CORRESPONDENT OF THE STOCKHOLM "DAGBLADET."

The Nazis claim their troops have already penetrated the "outer defences" of the city at several points, he said, and their advanced troops are "in the vicinity of the city."

The "final assault" may be expected at any moment, he adds. These claims are not mentioned

by the Berlin correspondents of the "Dagens Nyheter" and the Stockholm "Tidningen," who merely report incessant rain hampering the operations and further Russian forces "annihilated" south of Lake Ilmen.

The Germans claim, according to these correspondents, that a great encircling movement is proceeding successfully north of Novgorod.

The Germans admit counter-attacks on the central sector, the correspondents add, but claim they have "not reached their goal," neither have the Russians succeeded in regaining the west bank of the Dnieper despite continued efforts.

Karelian Sector

Swedish correspondents in Finland say the Russians are now holding the Stalin Line across the Karelian Isthmus.

The Finns claim they have captured Sakkola, about 50 miles south-east of Viborg, and reached Taipale, just east of Sakkola.

It is claimed Russian prisoners reported the death of Major-General Sellentsov, commanding the 88th Russian Division.—Reuter.

HOLIDAY ROUSES CRITICS

Thousands of London people who ignored the Government's request to "stay put" in their homes for the August bank holiday, and instead packed trains and other transport services, earned a severe rebuke from the London "Daily Express."

"London," says the newspaper, "which showed the big cities of the world how to take bombs, set the worst holiday example, with trains leaving the city in seven directions. Coal was stoked into locomotives, while miners gave up their free time to dig, and petrol, bought at the cost of many lives, was burnt on the roads."

"The next time the Government wants the public to 'stay put' on a holiday, it must issue an order, not an appeal."

People who packed the railway stations, fought for tickets, and scrambled for trains, were forced to trek sadly back at nightfall, because they had nowhere to stay in the packed seaside towns.

Others got lots of fresh air, but little to eat, because the Ministry of Food refused to send extra supplies to the holiday towns. Thousands spent the holiday on the Thames riverside.

SHIP LEFT IN FLAMES

British bombers escorted by fighters yesterday morning made a low level attack on an enemy supply ship off Dunkirk.

The vessel, which was protected by six A.A. ships, as well as flyingboats, was hit twice and left enveloped in flames.

Two Messerschmitts were destroyed by British fighters.

One Blenheim is missing, says an Air Ministry communique.—Reuter.

BOLD RAIDS BY GUERILLAS IN BESSARABIA

THE SUCCESSES of Soviet guerilla detachments operating in the Bessarabian district, now occupied by the German and Rumanian armies, are described in a supplement to the Soviet midday communique yesterday.

"By bold raids, blowing up the enemy's installations, guerillas are systematically sapping the forces of the enemy and destroying his ammunition and supplies," it says.

"During August guerillas destroyed 14 enemy tanks and armoured cars, 32 lorries with ammunition, 44 wagons with supplies and over 40 petrol dumps."

During the past three days bombers of the Black Sea air arm carried out several raids on ports and enemy troops.

"In the Smolensk direction our troops crushed an infantry regiment of the 161st Division. Only eight to ten men remained in the regiment's companies."

"Direct hits put one enemy vessel out of action and our pilots also destroyed over 50 armoured cars and many automatic weapons," adds the supplement.

Prisoner's Statement

The supplementary communique attributes to a German officer, Ludwig Robert, who was taken prisoner, the statement that as a result of losses on the eastern front the German High Command had been obliged to recall German garrisons from occupied countries, including France, Belgium and Holland.

Some of them were reservists, originally replacing regular soldiers, and these in turn are now replaced by wounded men.—Reuter.

WORLD'S BEST FOR THE R.A.F.

(By A. Correspondent)
During one day at the two big fighter aircraft factories of Curtiss-Wright and the Bell Aircraft Corporation in Buffalo we have seen plenty to cheer about and almost too much to report in a hurry.

Foremost, perhaps, I should mention the fighter aeroplane now in production which experts generally believe to be better than anything the Germans have got. This is Bell's Airacobra P.39, a terrifically powerful, heavily armoured flying arsenal.

It is the only pursuit plane in the world which carries a 37 mm. cannon in its nose. It also carries six machine-guns in its wings.

By virtue of its revolutionary design, with the engine behind the pilot, it affords greater freedom than any fighter plane in existence. The first shipment of these fighters has already been sent to the R.A.F., and the United States Army has 60 of them.

We saw the 3/4-inch armour plate which protects the Airacobra cockpit and engine, together with the 2 1/2-inch bullet-proof glass which shields the pilot.

Two new Curtiss-Wright factories will be completed before the year ends in Columbus and St. Louis, and will employ 24,000 workers. A big new plant in Buffalo has also been constructed in less than eight months.

IRAN REPLY TO PEACE TERMS

The Iranian Government has handed to the representatives of Britain and Russia its reply to the armistice proposals, says a Teheran despatch to the Vichy news agency.

Details of the reply will be published shortly.—Reuter.

Amazing Scene In Uruguay

REPORTS REACHING LONDON FROM MONTEVIDEO OF WHAT THE LEADING OPPOSITION PAPER "DIA" DESCRIBES AS UNPRECEDENTED SCENES OF PRO-BRITISH ENTHUSIASM WHICH TOOK PLACE ON THE DEPARTURE OF THE BRITISH MINISTER, HAVE CAUSED GREAT INTEREST AND SATISFACTION IN LONDON.

Mr. Millington-Drake, after being escorted through the town by a torchlight procession containing representatives of all pro-Democratic and sporting associations, was seen off by a crowd of some 60,000 people.

Portraits of Churchill, Roosevelt and Stalin were carried by the cheering crowd.

These scenes, says the paper "Dia," afford "yet another proof of the complete spiritual unity of Britain and Uruguay magnificently reassuring the certainty of victory for the cause of justice."

Mr. Millington-Drake has been British Minister at Montevideo since 1934 and is succeeded by Mr. R. C. S. Stevenson.—British Wireless.

(Continued from Next Col.)
portance, as announced by the High Command, but this does not mean the complete destruction of the Red Army.—British Wireless.

NAZIS FACE THE MUSIC

As the third year of war opens the German press appears to be preparing the nation to swallow some hard facts. No longer is the war a "blitzkrieg," it is a "battle of life and death."

Damning admissions are becoming frequent, and the widely read "Frankfurter Zeitung," for instance, states: "Every German should have known at the beginning of the war that this meant a battle for life and death and that it would not be an easy task to beat England."

"WE FIGHT NOT ONLY THE BRITISH ARMIES BUT ALSO BRITISH PROPAGANDA, WHICH HAS SUCCEEDED IN CREATING A DEVLISH HATRED AGAINST NATIONAL SOCIALISM AND ITS REPRESENTATIVES."

"We do not deny this fact as obviously, the majority of the British and American people, including leading members of the Church, approve the support given to Stalin in his fight against Hitler."

The "Muenchner Neueste Nachrichten," taking part in the campaign to convince the German people that war was unavoidable—a striking admission of doubt—states: "Hitler assured England he did not wish to continue the war if England would agree to Germany's right to form her own living space. England's refusal has forced us now to fight for life or death."

Considerable Time

"We must keep aware of the fact that many battles and considerable time will be necessary before the complete destruction of giant Russia is possible."

The influential "Kölnische Zeitung" warns its readers: "The German people must not indulge in dangerous hopes. The war in the west is fundamentally different to the war in the east."

"The Red Army has offered resistance which is still surprisingly tough and tenacious. The battles of Minsk, Smolensk and Gomel are surely of historical importance."—(Continued at foot of preceding Col.)

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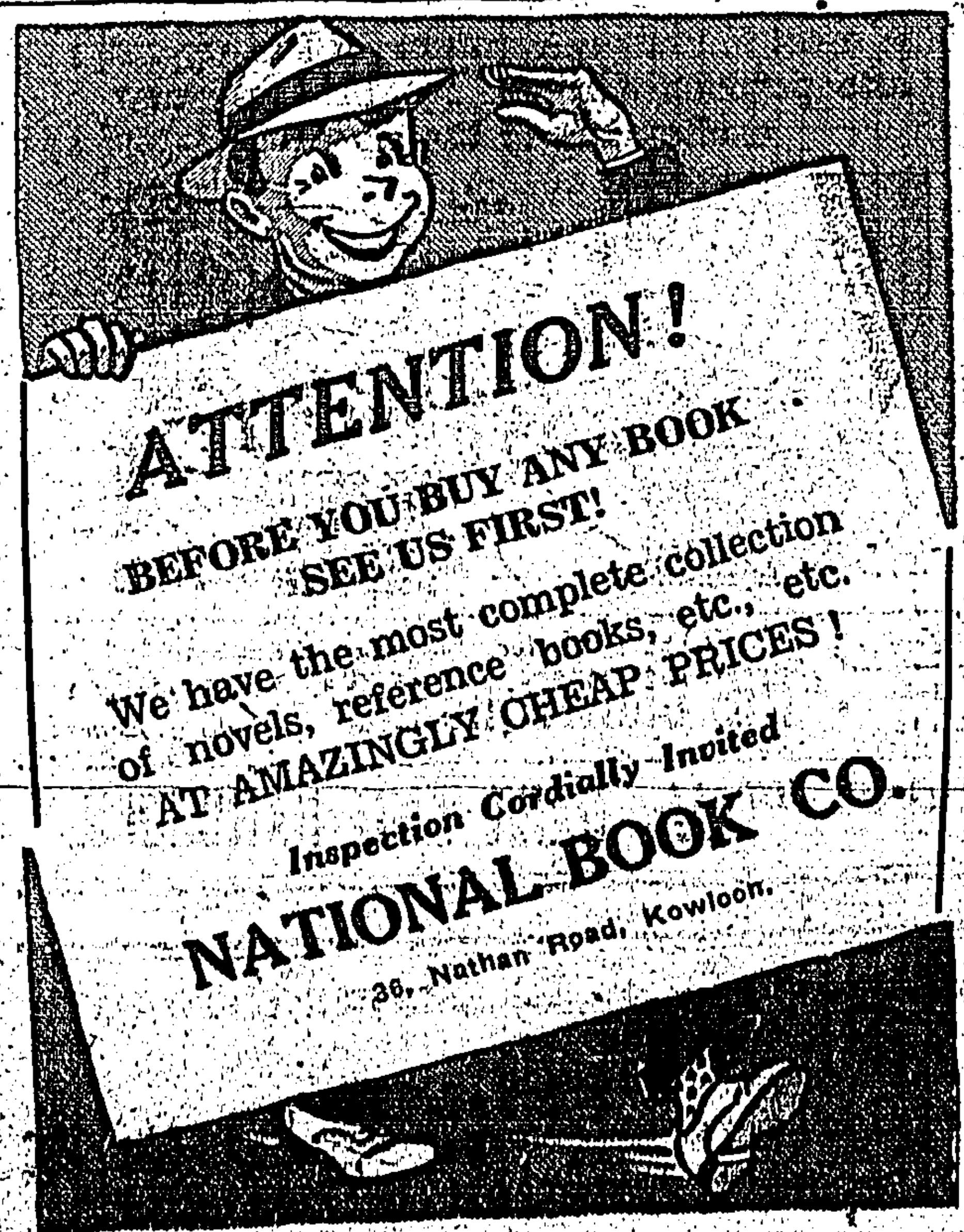
Lady Patricia Latham, who has been granted a divorce in Miami, Florida, U.S., from her husband, Sir Herbert Paul Latham, M.P., told the Court that he used these words to her.

Of Irish Descent

Lady Latham said she is of Irish descent. That displeased her husband also.

Captain Sir Herbert Paul Latham, only son of Sir Thomas Paul Latham, first baronet, has been Conservative M.P. for Scarborough and Whitby for ten years. He is 46.

In 1933 he married Lady Patricia Doreen Moore, only daughter of the tenth Earl of Drogheda. They have one son.



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PUBLIC ENEMIES ARE FIRST HITLER, THEN COMPLACENCY

MR. BRENDAN BRACKEN, BRITAIN'S DYNAMIC NEW MINISTER OF INFORMATION, SPEAKING IN LONDON YESTERDAY, SAID BRITAIN IS ENTERING THE THIRD YEAR OF "THIS BRUTAL WAR TO-MORROW" AND AFTER POSING THE QUESTION "HOW DO WE STAND?" PROCEEDED TO MAKE A BRIEF COMMENT IN ANSWERING THE QUESTION HIMSELF.

Britain's public enemies, he said, were, first Hitler and second complacency, "and we are a long way from the extinction of either of these foes," he declared.

Mr. Bracken was speaking to Battle of the Atlantic. That journalists and their guests at a luncheon of the Foreign Press Association in London.

He said that the ferocious hatred of journalists by the dictators was based on the fear of despots who, knowing that if their ill-gotten gains, their lust for blood, their crazy dreams of world power, had been laid before their people in full manner, the gangster reign over Europe would be very brief.

A FREE PRESS WAS THE MOST WATCHFUL SENTRY OF THE STATE, HE SAID, WHILE A "YES" PRESS WAS FATAL TO GOOD GOVERNMENT.

Much Remains

Britain was in a much healthier condition than it was two years ago, he said. Britain had made progress but much remained to be done.

THE ARMED FORCES HAD BEEN GIVEN AND HAD SOLVED, THREE TASKS WHICH APPEARED IMPOS-

ible. To the question "What shall we do to win this war?" the Minister said: "Look to your factories, your mines, your shipyards and your farms."

"This latest German war is really a smash and grab raid on civilisation."

Mr. Bracken said he had noticed some people in England were beginning to scold America, and added: "These superior people would be much better occupied in understanding America's difficulties."

Storming Seas

Turning to the war in the east and to the subject of invasion, the Minister said that if Germany lost 3,000,000 men in Russia she would continue to fight.

Those who talked about the invasion scare being over might get some nasty surprises, he said.

"WE SHALL BEAT HIM AFTER A LONG AND GRIM EFFORT. WE ARE STILL IN STORMY SEAS AND PORT IS FAR FROM SIGHT."

Concerning the position of reconstruction, Mr. Bracken said: "We should not repair the ravages of war by the mad methods which were so popular during the last 20 years—burning crops, cutting down production, destroying shipyards."

"Science, allied to industry, could create limitless wealth and that is why the world will grow richer, not poorer."

Futile Boasts

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Strong reinforcements of planes for the Soviets have already arrived in Russia, according to the "News Chronicle" yesterday — International News Service.

STRANDED WITH ADONIS

Beautiful British film star Madeleine Carroll, who was once selected by Columbia University students as "the most desirable girl with whom to be stranded on a desert island" has been stranded—on a desert island.

And she was stranded with 24-year-old Sterling Hayden, the new acting "find" who is called by Hollywood "the six-foot-five blond Adonis."

They have been flown back to Nassau, Bahamas, after a dozen planes searched for them.

Madeleine and Sterling said recently that they were cruising in a sloop off the Bahamas and stopped at the romantic island of Cottoncay for a bath, cables John Walters.

Madeleine and Sterling were found by Captain Charles Collar. From his seaplane he spotted the couple as they waved to him from Cottoncay beach.

Cottoncay has a beautiful beach and strange caves which Madeleine and Sterling said they explored.

CONGRATULATED BY THREE KINGS

ROYAL CONGRATULATIONS, HAVE BEEN SENT THREE TIMES TO MR. AND MRS. PETER MCPHERSON, OF HACO STREET, LARGS, Ayrshire.

King George VI congratulated them on their ruby wedding anniversary. On their golden wedding a message came from King George V, and on their diamond wedding King Edward VIII sent congratulations.

Mr. McPherson, who is 90, retired from the Ayrshire Constabulary thirty-four years ago.

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WIDESPREAD ATTACKS BY R.A.F. IN MIDDLE EAST

LABOUR'S PLACE IN THE PEACE

"THE ROBUSTLY VOICED TRADE UNION WILL TO CONQUER AND FAITH IN VICTORY," AND THE "ADMIRABLE STATEMENT OF MIND OF BRITISH LABOUR," ARE TYPICAL OF THE PHRASES USED IN THE PRESS YESTERDAY IN REGARD TO MR. GEORGE GIBSON'S PRESIDENTIAL ADDRESS AT THE TRADES UNION CONGRESS ANNUAL MEETING AT EDINBURGH.

Mr. Gibson's welcome to the Russian and T.U.C. proposal for an exchange of visits between British and Russian trade union leaders are chosen by the "Manchester Guardian" as of special importance.

"Creation of such a joint body may be of great future political importance. Its basis is that of non-interference with each country's internal affairs but it may well be a bridge towards the rebuilding of international trade unionism, for already something

WIDESPREAD AND successful operations in the Middle East were again announced in last night's R.A.F. Middle East Communique, which stated:

"Libya - heavy bomber aircraft of the Royal Air Force carried out another raid on the harbour and shipping at Tripoli during the night of August 31/September 1. A merchant vessel was hit and believed sunk while another ship was left ablaze from stem to stern.

Our aircraft also machine-gunned a road and railway west of Tripoli and aerodrome buildings at Mellaha. A number of fires broke out near the railway station.

Other bombers of the R.A.F. and S.A.A.F. attacked shipping in Benghazi harbour which was again raided by heavy bombers later in the night. Part of the attacking formation flew through

is being done to bind together the exiled trade unions of the conquered countries.

"Although the immediate purpose is war it is not too early to look ahead to the place organised Labour may hold in the peace."—British Wireless.

the harbour defences at a low level and bombs were observed to fall close to shipping.

The landing ground at Ras el Tin, the harbour at Bardia and store dumps at Gambut were bombed by aircraft of the Fleet Air Arm taking part in these operations.

Italy and Sicily—aircraft of the Fleet Air Arm bombed and machine-gunned aircraft on the ground at Ghorbini and Comiso during the night of August 31/September 1. Fires visible many miles from the target were started among aircraft at Comiso.

On Monday fighter and bomber aircraft of the R.A.F. attacked Pozzallo and Crotona.

Train Attacked

At Pozzallo, our fighters machine-gunned a train whose engine was last seen emitting volumes of flames and steam.

At Crotona, shipping, munition factories and the railway were bombed. Direct hits on three buildings caused violent explosions, sheet of yellow flame and clouds of blue-black smoke.

A merchantman was hit by three bombs and developed a fire towards the stern. Quays and a seaplane flying in the vicinity were also attacked.

From these operations two of our aircraft are missing."—British Wireless.

THREAT TO BURMA ROAD

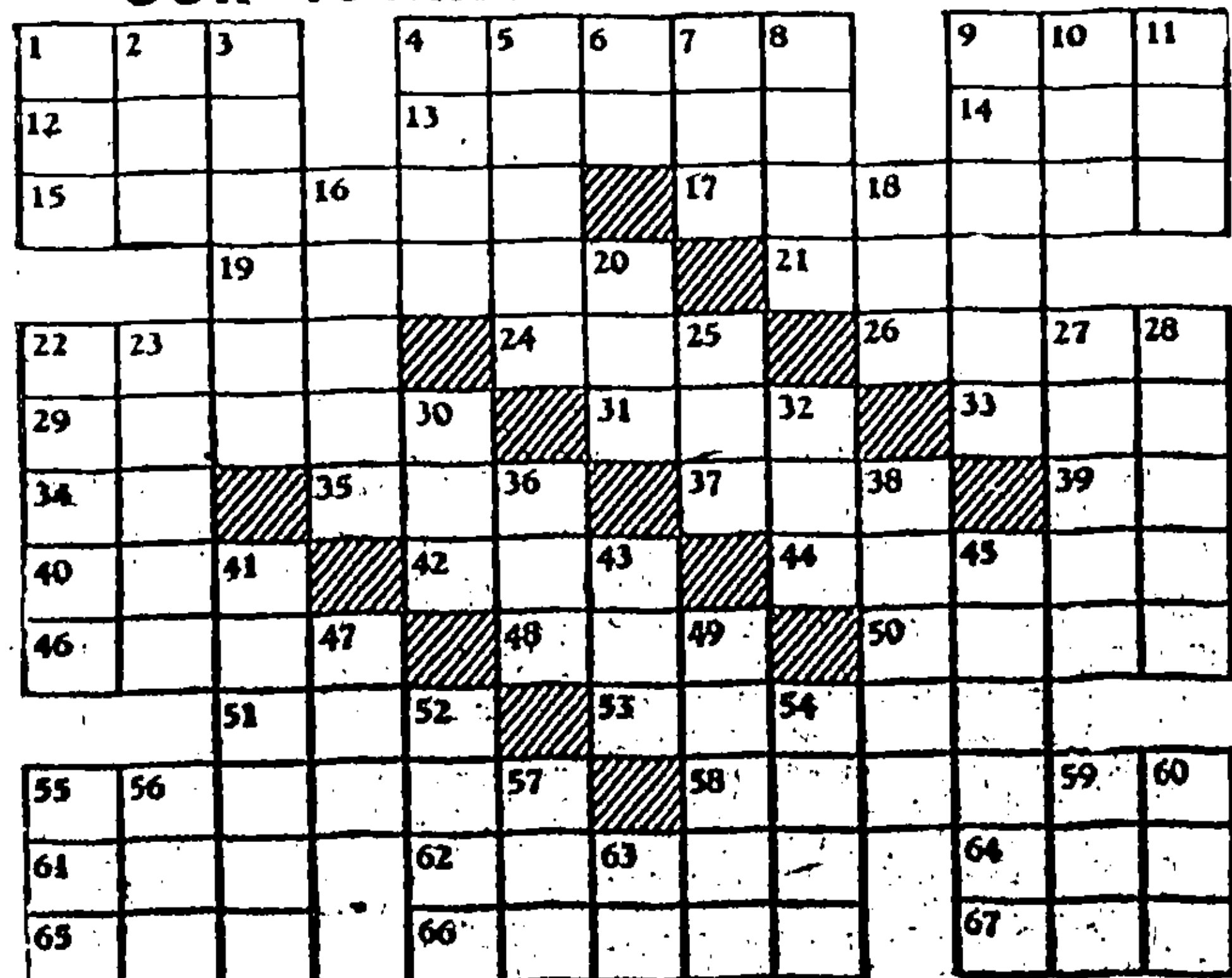
"IT IS NOT SO MUCH A POTENTIAL THREAT TO THAILAND THAT THE CHINESE ARE CONCERNED WITH AS WITH THE POSSIBILITY OF A JAPANESE MOVE THROUGH YUNNAN TO CUT OFF CHINA'S VITAL SUPPLIES ALONG THE BURMA ROAD," DECLARED MR. WILLIAM DENIS ALLEN, FORMERLY SECOND SECRETARY OF THE BRITISH EMBASSY IN CHUNGKING UPON HIS ARRIVAL IN SINGAPORE YESTERDAY TO ACT AS ASSISTANT TO MR. DUFF COOPER, WHO IS EXPECTED IN A DAY OR TWO.

Mr. Allen added that it was most important that China should keep open the Burma Road and she and Britain should work in close collaboration to achieve that object.

"China is prepared to prosecute the war with Japan indefinitely and there is no possibility of a negotiated peace," declared Mr. Allen.

Discussing Malaya, Mr. Allen said that Japan, if she does think of attacking Malaya, will have her hands full. — Central News.

OUR 10-MINUTE CROSS-WORD



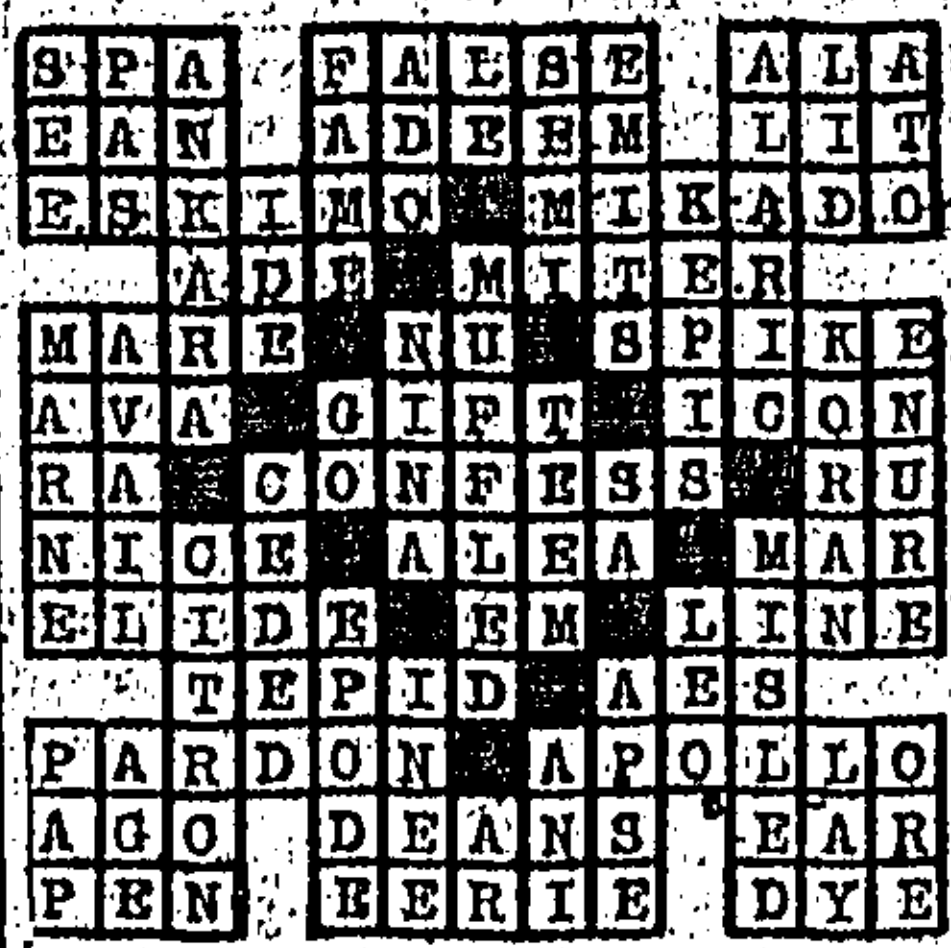
HORIZONTAL

- 1 Prohibition
- 4 Thong
- 9 Fold
- 12 Bustling about
- 13 Sarcasm
- 14 Inlet
- 15 To bargain
- 17 Platitude
- 19 Old English coin
- 21 Worm
- 22 Great Lake
- 24 To immerse
- 26 Auroral
- 29 Currency
- 31 Title of respect
- 33 Born
- 34 European fish
- 35 Lair
- 37 Fuel
- 39 Earth goddess
- 40 Mineral
- 42 To incline
- 44 Damp
- 46 To break suddenly
- 48 Dance step
- 50 Planet
- 51 To knock
- 53 Tree of pine family
- 55 Rodent

VERTICAL

- 1 Exclamation of contempt
- 2 Girl's name
- 3 Small cup
- 4 Storage pit
- 5 To set foot
- 6 Artificial language
- 7 Emmet
- 8 Burning pile
- 9 Place of confinement
- 10 The lily (Her.)
- 11 Sweet potato
- 16 Avarice
- 18 To employ
- 20 Poetic: it is
- 22 Gives forth
- 23 French sculptor
- 25 Swine
- 27 Teutonic deity
- 28 Requirement
- 30 Still
- 32 College chest
- 36 To bite
- 38 Poisonous shrub
- 41 Biased
- 43 Moccasin
- 45 European swallow
- 47 Knave of clubs
- 49 Numeral
- 52 Seed containers
- 54 Drowsy
- 55 Chart
- 56 Fruit drink
- 57 Digit
- 59 Man's name
- 60 Convened
- 63 Six

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SIR R. KEYES REVEALS HOW BELGIUM SURRENDERED

INSIDE HISTORY of the events leading to the surrender of the King of the Belgians was revealed for the first time in the King's Bench Division, when a settlement was announced, of a libel action brought against the Daily Mirror Newspapers Ltd. by Admiral of the Fleet Sir Roger Keyes.

It was disclosed that on May 20 King Leopold warned the British Government through Sir Roger that the Belgian Army had neither tanks nor aircraft, and that if there were a separation between it and the Allied armies, a Belgian capitulation would be inevitable.

On May 27 he informed the Allies that he intended to ask for an armistice but the message did not reach the Commander-in-Chief, all communications with the British Army being cut.

These facts were related in court by Sir Patrick Hastings, K.C., counsel for Sir Roger Keyes. He said:

"The Germans invaded Belgium on May 10, and a few hours later Sir Roger Keyes, at the request of our Government, left England by aeroplane to join King Leopold as special liaison officer."

"He was with the King at the headquarters of his army throughout the brief campaign in Belgium, and at the same time was in close touch with the headquarters of the British Army and with the Government."

"He remained with King Leopold until 10 p.m. on the night of May 27, the day on which King Leopold asked the Germans for an armistice. During that time he had unrivalled opportunities of observing the course of events."

"On May 26 Mr. Churchill announced in the House of Commons that the surrender had taken place, and asked that judgment about the matter should be suspended until the facts were known."

"Sir Roger Keyes on the same day, in the lobby, echoed the same advice, and trusted that judgment on King Leopold, a very gallant soldier, should be suspended till all the facts became known."

"This advice did not appeal to the persons responsible for the conduct of the 'Daily Mirror' newspaper, and on May 30, that paper published an attack not only upon the King of the Belgians, but also upon Sir Roger Keyes."

"How far justified Sir Roger was in his advice to suspend judgment is now beginning to be understood."

Under French Command

"King Leopold, when his country was invaded, had placed himself and his army under the French High Command, and the movements of his army conformed with the orders of the French Command."

"On May 20 the British Army and the French northern army were ordered to prepare to fight to the south-westward to regain contact with the main French army, and unless the Belgian army could conform to this movement it was clear that it would involve a breach of contact between the British and Belgian armies."

"Sir Roger informed the King of the order, and he was asked by the King to inform the British Government and Lord Gort that the Belgian army had neither tanks nor aircraft, and existed solely for defence."

"He did not feel he had any right to expect the British Government to jeopardise, perhaps, the very existence of the British Army to keep contact with the Belgian army, but he wished to make it quite clear that if there were a separation between the two armies the capitulation of the Belgian army would be inevitable."

Withdrawn

"At the request of the French High Command the Belgian army was withdrawn on May 23 from the strongly prepared position on the Scheldt to a much weaker and longer line on the Lys, to allow the British Army to retire behind the defensive frontier line which it had occupied throughout the winter to prepare for the offensive it was about to undertake to the southward."

"On the evening of May 26 a break through the Belgian line by the Germans seemed to be inevitable, and the King moved the remaining French 60th Division in Belgian vehicles to a prepared position across

the Yser, which by now was flooded over a wide area and its bridges mined."

"Fighting on the Belgian front had been continuous for four days, and the Belgian army by May 27 was running short of food and ammunition and was being attacked by at least eight German divisions, including armoured units and wave after wave of dive bombers."

Notice Of Surrender

"On the morning of May 27 the King asked Sir Roger to inform the British authorities that he would be obliged to surrender before a debacle took place. A similar message was given to the French."

"By the afternoon of that day the German army had driven a wedge between the Belgian and British armies. Every road, village and town in the small part of Belgium left in Belgian hands was thronged with hundreds of thousands of refugees; men, women and children were being mercilessly bombed and machine-gunned by low-flying aircraft."

"In these circumstances, at 5 p.m. on the 27th, King Leopold informed the British and French authorities that he intended at midnight of that day to ask for an armistice so as to avoid further slaughter of his people."

"This message, like the earlier one on the same day, was promptly received in London and Paris, but all communications with the British Army were cut, and though wireless messages were repeatedly made it is now known that these did not reach the Commanders-in-Chief."

Sir Roger's Plea

"Sir Roger Keyes, knowing these facts as he did, with a number of details that are unnecessary for the purposes of this statement, felt more than justified in suggesting a suspension of judgment on the King, and he quite naturally resented the injury of the article in the 'Daily Mirror' attacking him."

"He immediately saw his solicitors and the present action was started."

Sir Patrick added that the defence originally pleaded was that the statement of fact were true and the expressions of opinion fair comment. Last October this defence was withdrawn.

Mr. G. O. Slade, for the defendants, said that his clients accepted without the slightest reservation the statement made by Sir Patrick, from which it would appear that, unfortunately, they were entirely misled."

When everyone's hand was against King Leopold, Sir Roger Keyes pleaded that judgment should be suspended until the true facts were known. That dignified and fair-minded attitude had been abundantly justified, and the defendants tendered to the gallant Admiral a sincere apology for their criticism of him, coupled with an expression of their appreciation of his conduct and bearing throughout."

Grave Injustice

It was also apparent that a very grave injustice had been done to the King of the Belgians, who had acted throughout in accordance with the highest traditions of honour and justice. The defendants also tendered to him their most sincere and respectful apology for the injustice they had unwittingly done to him."

Mr. Justice Tucker, approving the settlement, said: "All I need say is that this libel action

WORK DURING ALERTS

A fighter pilot went to a munitions factory to address the workers.

After his modest and grateful speech one of them asked how much he was paid for his job of shooting down Huns.

"About £4 a week," said the pilot. "And how much do you get?"

"Between £10 and £12 a week," said the munitions worker, adding, in mitigation of the difference, which he realised was excessive, "but we work during Alerts, of course."

EIRE EXPOSED TO INVASION

Eire may be the next scene of large-scale operations by enemy air-borne troops.

German propaganda, a mixture of falsehood and truth. It does occasionally let out genuine information, and when a prominent member of the German colony in Istanbul says that Crete was a rehearsal for a landing in Ireland to cut communications between Britain and America it must not necessarily be dismissed as misleading.

The German General Staff must look on Eire as an almost perfect ground for the operation of air-borne troops. There is, not even the beginning of adequate provision to oppose them and the Germans would probably expect to find a number of supporters who would ease the problems of food and fuel supply.

Courage Not Sufficient

No one questions that the Irish would fight with the greatest courage. There is no finer fighting race. But against the efficient, highly disciplined German troops backed by elaborate military engines of all descriptions, courage and heroism are of no avail.

Nor would the guerilla type of warfare in which the Irish might believe themselves to be adept, be of the slightest use. The Germans do not succumb to such tactics. They reply to individual sorties with mass shootings and organised terrorism; whole villages are made to pay for the acts of individuals.

For the protection of Ireland against the airborne attack which is likely to come, the best hope lies in novel technical ideas applied with audacity and ingenuity. Without them Ireland will stand a good chance of going down in less time than Crete.

Unlike some others, appears to have served a most useful purpose, and resulted in statements being made which will give very wide satisfaction."

An order was made to withdraw the action and for the payment out of court of the damages paid in by the defendants; all the costs of the proceedings having also been paid.

Sir Roger Keyes, who was wearing naval uniform, sat alongside his solicitor in front of Sir Patrick Hastings during the brief proceedings.

"I am glad the case has ended in the way it has," he said afterwards. "I deeply appreciate the handsome apology the defendants have made to King Leopold."

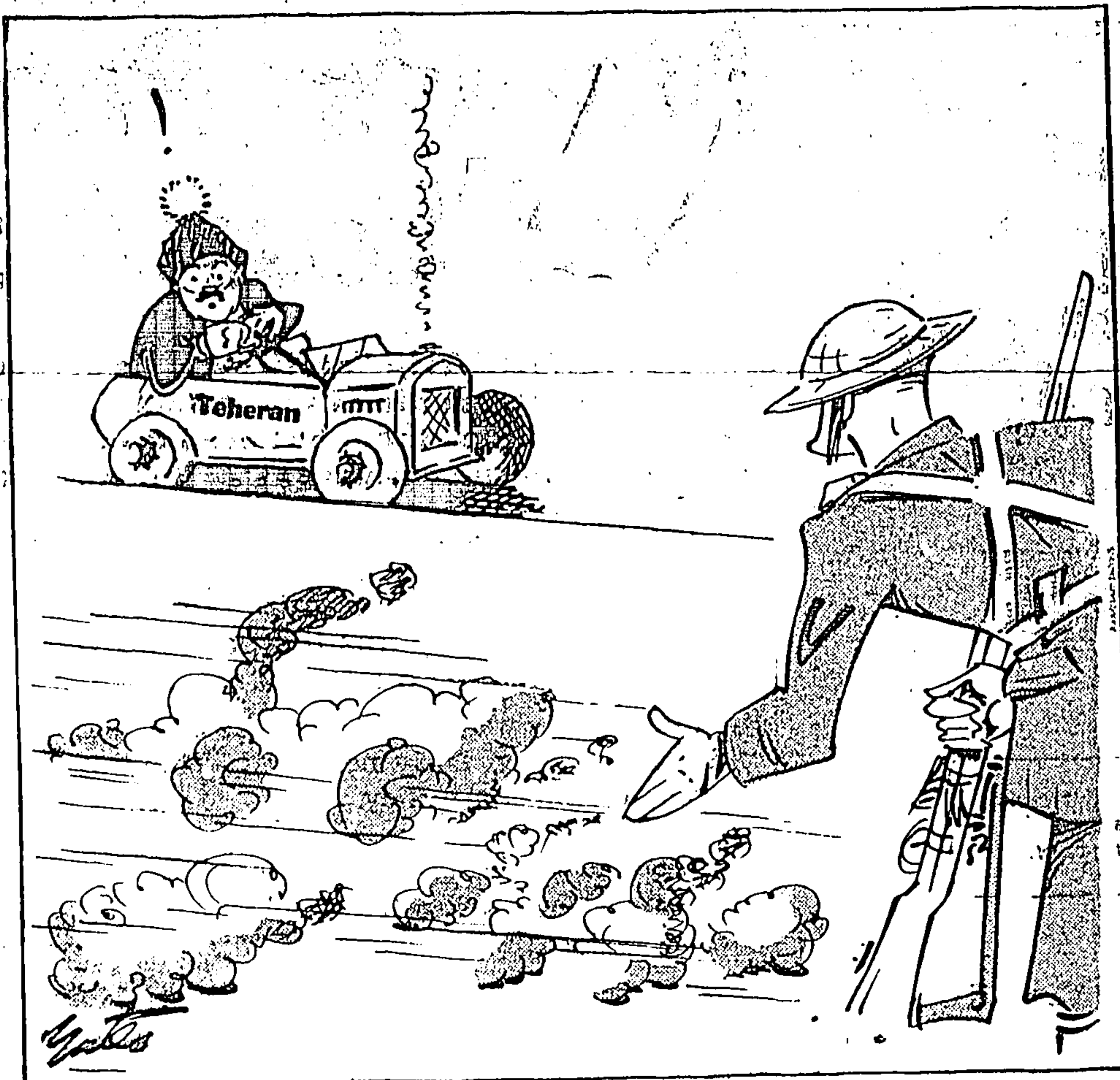
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ANOTHER YEAR

In accordance with the wishes of His Majesty the King, next Sunday, as the first to follow to-day's anniversary of the outbreak of war, is to be observed as a Day of National Prayer and Thanksgiving. It is fitting that this should be so for if the task that lies ahead is likely to be long and arduous, calling for every capacity of endurance, in perils and pitfalls that have been surmounted there is much to be thankful for.

We enter upon the third year of the war in a far more comfortable position than the most optimistic observer could have predicted in September, 1940. The Battle of Britain had not then reached its pinnacle of ferocity. By the end of October the R.A.F. had triumphantly conquered. Hitler's New Year boast that "1941 will bring consummation of the greatest victory in our history" sounds to-day like the prattling of a paranoic. He has had his further victories in battle. The Libyan Desert has been recovered, Greece and Yugoslavia have been overrun, Crete came to shock the British people once more to the painful slowness of the democratic method in mobilising its effort. Despite these heavy setbacks, Britain's position in the Middle East has been enormously strengthened in the last twelve months. Two great Italian armies have disintegrated, dangerous developments in Iraq, Syria and Iran have been swiftly dealt with and converted to our enormous advantage. The crucial turning-point came when Hitler swung away from the doubtful prospect of a successful invasion of the British Isles to launch a vicious assault upon Soviet Russia. In the ten weeks since, the Red Army has inflicted tremendous losses upon the Hitler war machine, and the speed with which Mr. Churchill pronounced Britain's active support of Russia, and with which the United States and all the allies engaged in the war against the Nazi tyranny endorsed that bold realistic decision, has brought for Hitler a dark and heavy prospect which nothing can hide.

It would be interesting to know the thoughts hidden in the mind of "that bad man" as he looks back and forward at the door of another year. If he revels in his military achievements, he must be aware that force alone maintains the precarious



THE BLITZ BOYS — THAT WERE!

The Welsh Stand Fast

"WELL, that's the end of Ben Evans's." The speaker was a Welsh woman in the centre of a small crowd looking at the ruins of what had been one of the best-known stores in Swansea.

"Yes, indeed it's bad," said another. "Twas there I had my first shop-made dress as a little girl. What a pity! But never mind. Let us be thankful it wasn't something more important."

This feeling of thankfulness that things are not quite as bad as they might be was prevalent among the Swansea population as it strolled idly through the debris-strewn streets, commenting on the havoc wrought. The middle of this town has been turned into a desert, with charred walls standing amid the wreckage of what once had been prosperous business houses, shops, offices, homes, and schools. Swansea's market, a favourite landmark to earlier generations, was the centre of this devastation.

Cardiff is a finer city than Swansea, but Swansea is nearer to the heart of the Welsh-speaking Welshman. Cardiff is cosmopolitan—"not really Welsh, somehow"—and unless spoken by "people from the valleys" little

Welsh is heard on its streets. Hence, when the Germans destroyed the centre of Swansea they struck at a memorable place in Welsh life. Great as was the damage, it has not diminished the determination of the local people to carry on.

As at Swansea, so at Cardiff, the raids have not seriously affected the general life of the people. "Lumme, we won't get any grub there to-day," was the only comment from a group which recently studied the destruction of the popular Carlton Cafe in Queen Street. Nor have these raids greatly diminished the contribution of South Wales to

By J. Emlyn Williams

the national emergency. War production still continues at full pressure, smoke pours forth from factory chimneys, stores are full of customers, and on the near-by waters of the Bristol Channel ships small and big still vend their way to ports in Devon or to the end of the earth.

It is no exaggeration to say that neither physical danger nor physical damage is the most serious preoccupation of South Wales to-day. These conditions are taken as the expected accompaniment of modern totalitarian warfare. Of greater concern has been the unemployment of coal miners when there has been a great outcry for coal. Unemployment with apparently little justification except lack of co-ordination among Government departments, and the business enterprises concerned has brought more exasperation than Nazi bombs.

Apart from the question of air bombardment in Wales, there is also that question of the attitude of Welshmen toward war in general. In the main this attitude differs little from the Englishman's. Differences in outlook on this or that aspect of the war exist among the inhabitants of Cardiff, or Carnarvon, or Llanfair as they do among the people of London, or Newcastle, or Chippping Norton. Regarding the war issue itself, similar uncertain sentiments fill the thoughts of some works in Wales, as in England, or in Scotland, and the same kind of extremists exist in all these places.

In a Cardiff cafe the writer recently met some old acquaintances, members of the South Wales

Miners' Federation. Discussion quickly turned to the war issue, and it soon became apparent that they were uncertain, not about the justification for the war, but whether when the conflict ends the promises of social readjustments will be honoured.

National life in Wales is not as sharply divided into planes of social status as in England, so the opinion of the common people plays a greater role in the formation of national sentiment. Nor do the Welsh people suffer from lack of expression. Their viewpoint is easily obtained. As Celts their emotional nature allows them to wander to heights and depths generally avoided by the Anglo-Saxon.

Call it immature judgment, if you will, but to both the imperially minded Welshmen, and those less ready to compromise, there appeared to be more expediency than morality in the British official attitude which led to war. A well-known young Welshman told me in North Wales recently that "Appeasement was so purely English, so contrary to Welsh tradition, that it made us despair."

There is a divergence of outlook in Wales, however, that is unknown in England, there being three different types of people: those who are Welsh in sentiment and language, those who are Welsh in sentiment but English in language, and those who are English in sentiment and language.

Many evacuee children have been sent to Wales from London and other bombed areas in England. Where they have been evacuated under Government schemes the schools continue with their curricula as before. Unofficial evacuees accommodate themselves to local conditions, and in many areas the Welsh language is either the language of instruction or a subject in the syllabus. Some of the newcomers quickly learn the Welsh language and take part in the children's cisteddod (music festivals). Evacuees are now important additions to almost every good-sized Welsh community, and the effects are proving beneficial to both visitors and hosts.

Apart from Cardiff and Swansea, few parts of Wales have been damaged by air raids. But come what may, Wales's determination is as resolute as England's that this struggle against barbarous tyranny shall not end until victory has been won. For whatever the differences between England and Wales (and they are greater than many people imagine them to be) they fade into insignificance for the average Welshman when Britain and human values are at stake.

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CONTRACTS GIVEN BY THE A.R.P. DEPARTMENT AND OTHER GOVERNMENT DEPARTMENTS TO THE WELL-KNOWN FIRM OF CONTRACTORS, SANG LEE, WERE THE SUBJECT OF EVIDENCE AT THE RESUMED HEARING THIS MORNING OF THE A.R.P. INQUIRY.

Mr. Justice Cressall, chairman of the Commission, referred to the "extraordinary person" who provided Sang Lee with free stones in a comment on one feature of the evidence.

Before the proceedings commenced this morning the Chairman announced that Messrs. Deacons had been instructed to attend all future meetings of the Commissioners in an advisory capacity to the Commissioners.

Mr. H. J. Armstrong appeared for Messrs. Deacons, while Mr. G. G. N. Tinson, who had previously entered an appearance on behalf of Wing-Commander A. H. S. Steele-Perkins, Director of A.R.P. Department, was also present.

The first witness called was Mr. U Yak-kwai, of Messrs. Sang Lee, Contractors. In reply to the Chairman, Mr. U said that his firm was composed of over 40 partners some of whom were in the interior. He could remember only four names of the partners, most of whom belonged to the same clan as himself.

Tung Shan Company

The firm was formed with a capital of \$100,000 half of which had been subscribed. His share in the firm was to the extent of \$7,500.

The Chairman: "Do you know the Tung Shan Company?" — "No."

"Do you know any of the partners?" — "No."

"Have any of them any interest in your company?" — "No."

"Do you know a woman by the name of Yeung Yu-ha?" — "No."

After explaining to Mr. U that the woman was the mother of one of the partners of the Tung Shan Company, the Chairman asked Mr. U whether he was quite sure this woman had no money in his firm (the Sang Lee Company). Mr. U replied in the negative.

Mr. U admitted that the son of a man named Ma Yu, of the Tung Shan Company, had formerly been employed in the Sang Lee Company.

"Do Not Compete"

The Chairman: "So you say the Tung Shan Company has no connection with the Sang Lee Company?" — "Yes, absolutely none."

"Are the Tung Shan Company and the Sang Lee Company business rivals?" — "No."

"Competitors?" — "No. Although we are in the same trade we do not compete."

Mr. U, in reply to the Chairman, said that a man named Lam Yet-king worked in the Sang Lee Company some six or seven years ago.

The Chairman: "When he left your firm, he formed the Tung Shan Company?" — "I do not know."

"Do you know that he is the managing director of the Tung Shan Company?" — "I do not know."

Government Contracts

Mr. U said he could not remember when his company received the first contract from Government.

The Chairman: "Take the year 1938. What was the contract for that year?" — "For Port Works maintenance."

"What was the value of that contract?" — "Very small, between \$80,000 and \$70,000 a year."

Witness admitted that the firm also obtained contracts from Government in 1939 in connection with the Wanchai Gap Police Station and the Shingmun Ca'ch-water valued at \$237,853, medical observation hut, valued at \$9,425; and in 1940 for the Yaumati Police Camber, valued at \$55,154, and other contracts.

This year the firm obtained a contract for extending the seawall at North Point which was worth \$229,655, and another Water Works Maintenance contract worth between \$30,000 and \$40,000 a year, from the beginning of this month.

The firm made a profit of about \$1,000 in the year 1939 and some \$50,000 in 1940.

Mr. U was then requested to produce several of his account books and the list of contracts from 1938 to date.

Supervision

Witness explained that a special supervisor was appointed by himself in the case of each individual contract.

The Chairman: "Who supervised the work on behalf of Government?" — "It all depends. For instance in the case of maintenance of houses, it was Mr. Feltham, in the case of the Shingmun Ca'chwater, it was Mr. Bishop."

Witness said that everything was passed by the Executive Engineer, Mr. Feltham. In the case of the North Point seawall it was Mr. Key, Mr. Feltham paid visits once or twice a week.

Referring to the seawall extension at North Point, the Chairman asked: "Do they get all the spoils from A.R.P. tunnels?" — "Some stones were dumped on my site. By whom I don't know, but I think the dumping of stones here was allowed."

"Extraordinary Person"

Witness continued that big stones were taken from the dump by his firm to break into smaller ones for work on the seawall.

"Did you pay for them?" — "No."

"Who is the extraordinary person who makes you a present of the stones?" — "It is not my business to find out who dumped the stones there."

To Find Out

Witness explained that stones were contracted for with a sub-contractor. He removed the big stones to be broken up. The spaces from which the big stones were removed were later filled up with earth.

"Who is the sub-contractor?" — "I, myself, do not know the sub-contractor."

"What is his name?" — "Wong Sang Yue."

"Where does he live?" — "I cannot say offhand."

"Where is his office?" — "I know the location, but I do not know the number. I have so many sub-contractors."

Witness agreed to find out and bring the man to attend the inquiry to-morrow.

Concrete Blocks

The Chairman: "Has the firm made concrete blocks for the"

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DAY OF
PRAYER

Sir.—Please allow me, through your correspondence column, to remind readers of the desire of His Majesty the King that Sunday, September 7th, being the first Sunday following the second anniversary of the outbreak of war, should be observed as a national day of prayer. Special reference will be made to our national needs at all of the Cathedral services.

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A.R.P. Department?—"Yes."

"When did you start?"—"In September and October last year."

"Who instructed you?"—"Mr. Hobbs gave the order. Tenders were called for and we were engaged."

"How were you engaged?"—"Verbally by Mr. Hobbs."

"What was the total value of that contract?"—"The first lot was for 250,000 blocks at 49½ cents each, the second for 100,000 blocks and the third for 75,000 at the same price as the first lot—40½ cents each."

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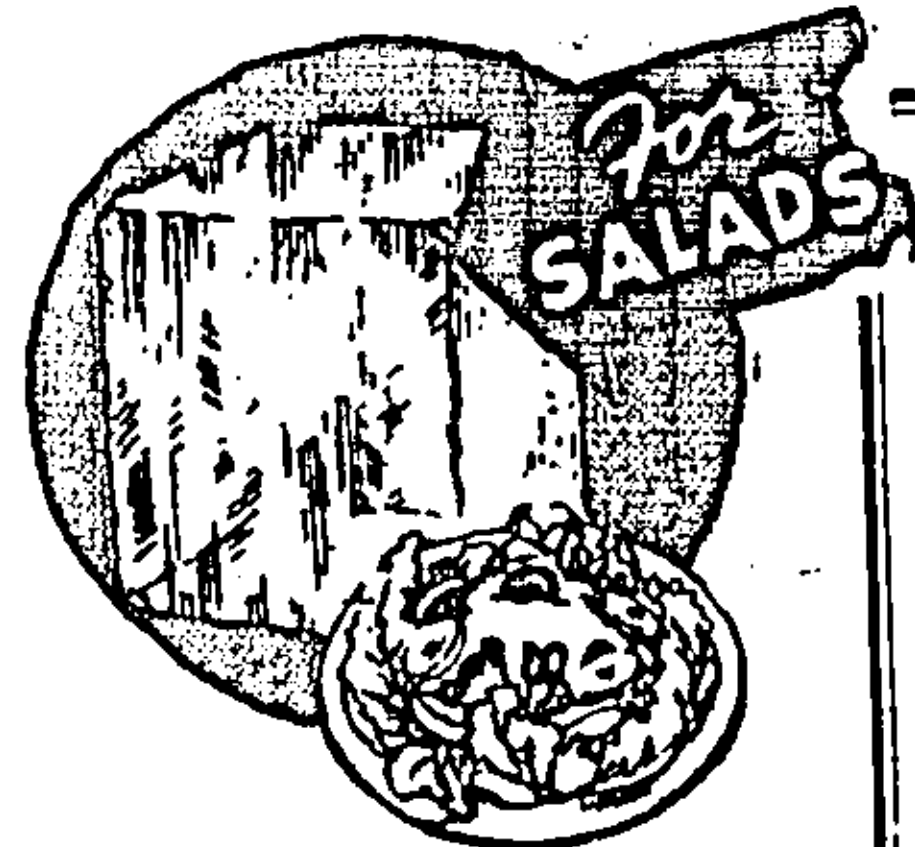
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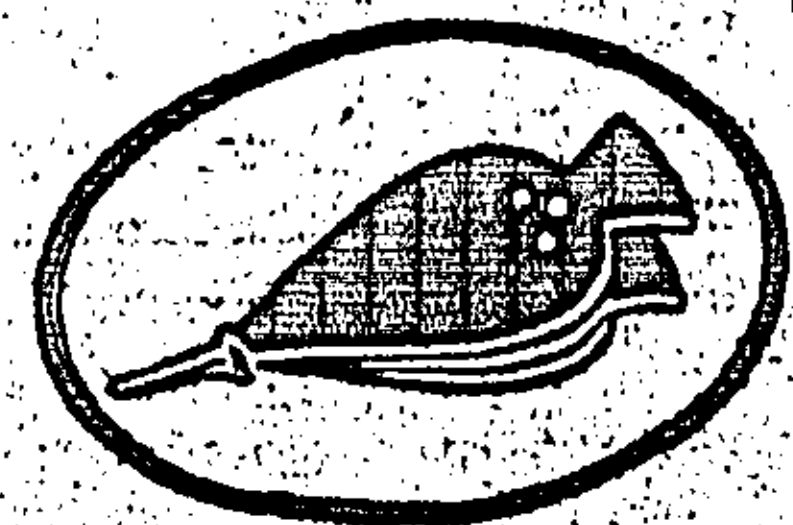


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By The Four Aces

Some of our readers send hands
and questions with profuse apolo-
gies for the mistakes they fear
they've made. If they only knew,
they needn't be so apologetic.
They ought to see some of the
horrible blunders made by nation-
ally known experts! Here's the
most horrible example of bad bid-
ding by an expert that we've seen
in months:

South, Dealer

Neither side vulnerable

NORTH

♠ 10 9 3
♥ J
♦ A Q 10
♣ A Q J 9 7 2

WEST

♠ Q 8 6 2
♥ K Q 9 4
♦ 5 4 2
♣ 6 4

EAST

♠ A 5
♥ A 7
♦ 8 7 6 3
♣ K 10 8 5 3

SOUTH

♠ K J 7 4
♥ 10 8 6 5 3 2
♦ K J 9
♣ *

The bidding:

South	West	North	East
Pass	Pass	1♠	Pass
2♥	Pass	3♠	Pass
3♥	Pass	4♠	Pass
4♠	Dbl.	Pass	Pass
Pass			

Needless to say, South suffered
a bad penalty, when he could
have let North play the hand at
two or three clubs with safety.
We wouldn't report this disaster
except that it highlights mistakes
which are made by all kinds of
players.To begin with, South didn't have
the vestige of an excuse for a
jump-bid on the second round of
the bidding. He didn't have a
particularly strong hand for an
original pass, his heart suit was
shabby, and he had no fit at all
for clubs. If North had bid
spades or diamonds, there might
be some excuse for a jump-bid
in hearts; but with a club bid
from North, South had absolutely
nothing to get excited about.Having begun so badly, South
might have made a partial re-
covery by passing four clubs.
North obviously had a good club
suit and no support for hearts.
Furthermore, North couldn't have
a four-card spade suit, for with
such a holding he would have bid
the spades over South's first heart
bid. Since there was no chance
to find a fit in spades, South had
no reason to mention the suit at
so high a level.Yesterday you were Howard
Schenken's partner and, with
both sides vulnerable, you held:♠ A K 10 9 7 6
♥ A 9 4
♦ K 10 4 2
♣ *

The bidding:

South	You	Partner	Schenken
Pass	Dbl.	1♥	Dbl.
Pass	(?)		

ANSWER: Pass. With your
holding you are perfectly willing
to cooperate in the defence
against a heart contract. If the
heart bid is psychic, your pass will
help smoke the enemy out.Score 100% for pass, 0 for any
other bid.

Question No. 811

To-day you hold the same hand,
and the bidding continues:

South	You	Partner	Schenken
1♠	Dbl.	1♥	Dbl.
Pass	Pass	2♠	2♥
Pass	(?)		

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FISH" WAS TOLD BY AN ENGINEER ABOARD A
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cause British destroyers sank three of the five Ger-
man submarines which were attacking the convoy
and captured a German count who was commander-
in-chief of the Atlantic submarine flotillas.The engineer is Luke R. Tardif,
thirty-five-year-old Canadian, a
college graduate who was a
technician with the Metro-Gold-
wyn-Mayer expedition that filmed
the motion picture "Trader Horn"
in the Agbi plains of Belgian
Congo. He has travelled the world
over in his several years at sea,
visiting ports in sixty countries.
He left New York aboard a Brit-
ish tanker soon after recounting
his adventures.

Suspense Terrible

"I shall never forget that day if
I live to be ninety," he said of
the torpedo incident. "We saw it
coming, by its wake, and knew it
could not miss us, when the swell
of the sea lifted us above it. The
suspense almost killed us. And
then the fire-works started, the
destroyers playing their search-
lights on the submarines and the
submarines answering with every-
thing they had—guns and ma-
chine-guns. But on the surface
they were no match for His
Majesty's 'sea dogs.'""All this time our lifeboat was
headed straight for a submarine.
If they saw us it was the finish
for us. But luck was not entirely
against us, and they were kept too
busy to notice us. Two of the
'subs' were destroyed by gunfire
before they had a chance to dive.
The others dived, but one of
them was so well covered by pat-
terns of mines (depth bombs)
from convoying destroyers that it
soon bobbed up to the surface, to
turn turtle and sink."

His Fourth 'Experience'

It was the fourth time one of
Mr. Tardif's ships had been a
"casualty," and he has made
eleven trips to England in the last
fourteen months. War regulations
prohibit giving names, dates and
places of the events involved, but
even without these details his re-
cital gave interesting information
on at least one battle of the North
Atlantic."His Majesty's destroyer X—
picked us up between spells of
the excitement, as well as 124
officers and men of the three-
submarines destroyed," the officer
continued, adding that "the des-
troyers were indeed worthy of
their names. The men of the 'subs'
linked arms in the icy waters to
hold themselves together that
black night and shouted as a
group, 'Kamerad! Help!' After
they had been picked up and came
along side, no one came up the
gangway before his superior
officer.""Among them was Count Otto
von X—, German commander-
in-chief for submarine flotillas
in the Atlantic, an important
catch."Except for the higher officers,
the Germans were then ordered
to strip, the engineer continued,
and receipts were given to them
for all their belongings. The
necessary papers, indicating that
everything was in order, were
signed by the count. The officers
and several of the men spoke
English without the slightest trace
of an accent, he added. They said
the depth bombs had been "most
distasteful" and that they had
missed sinking the destroyer
which picked them up only be-
cause they had no more torpedoes.

Fortunes Of War

"Your destroyer was perfectly
and beautifully in my glass last
night but we had been at sea
three weeks, were returning
home and had no torpedoes left,"
Mr. Tardif quoted the count as
saying. "It is the fortunes of war.
It was either you or I—and it
happened to be me."The engineer explained that
when the submarines attacked
the convoy, his ship moved from
the outside to the centre of thegroup. Because of this move, the
Germans thought it carried a
valuable cargo. During two hours
they fired four torpedoes at the
vessel before sinking it. "They
were certainly mistaken," he said
cheerfully when explaining that
the Germans thought his ship car-
ried more important goods than
the others.His account of the previous
"casualties" on which he served
illustrate the risks faced by the
British sailors on the North At-
lantic run. The first was damaged
by a vibration mine off an Eng-
lish port, but reached the port
under her own steam without any
assistance. Vibration mines are a
new type laid by German planes
which are detonated by the vibra-
tion of the propellers of large
ships passing over them. The
second "casualty" was the ship
sunk in the convoy.The third was damaged by an
air raid in a British port, but
she was quickly repaired and
arrived in Montreal five weeks
to the day after the bombing.
The fourth was sunk after a
prolonged attack by a German
bomber, probably a Heinkel 115.

Planes To Rescue

"It missed us with the first
seven 250-pound bombs and hit
us on the port side amidships
with the eighth and last of its
bombs," he said. "But the first
one was such a close miss that it
shattered everything breakable
aboard ship and sent us sprawl-
ing all over. The others heaved
half the ship completely out of
the water each time. We were
shooting at it for all we were
worth every time, but apparently
with no success. The ship caught
on fire. We tried to go back to it
in our lifeboats to extinguish the
flames, but the German kept
shooting between us, in the life-
boat, and the ship, so that we had
to desist. Then some British
planes appeared and the Nazis
disappeared. They informed a
cruiser of our position and we
were picked up."Mr. Tardif participated in the
evacuation at Dunkirk and has
survived many severe air raids,
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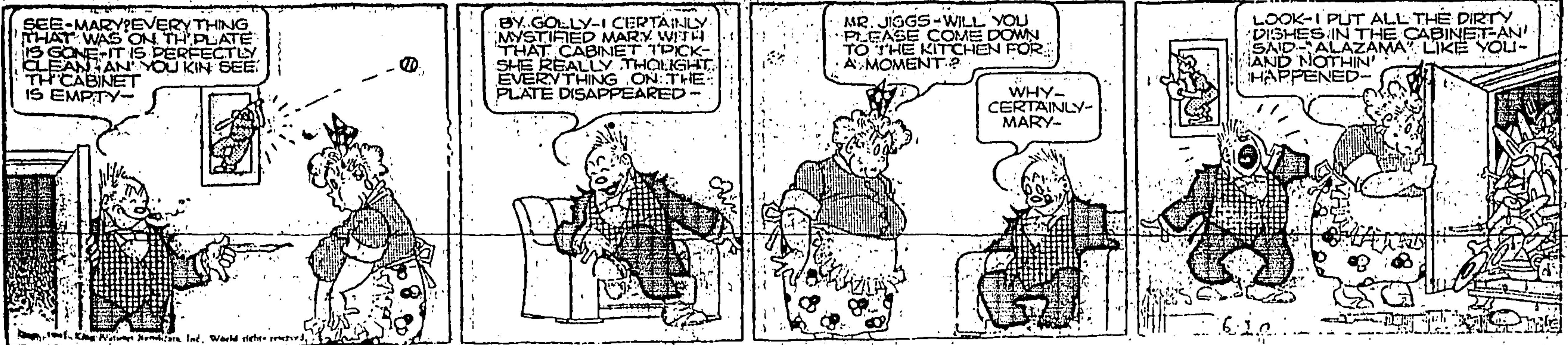
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Bringing Up Father

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A PAGE FOR WOMEN

Summer Aids

About now your favourite lipstick is the worse for wear. A few meltings haven't improved it and there is nothing to do but shop for a new one. A twin pair which come in a tidy pastel leather case should merit a few moments of your consideration. These two fully sized lipsticks, which sell for the cost of one, are chosen in combination to enhance the blonde, the brunette, or the medium fair. And lush shades they are, the six of them. The combination idea has found favour as so many belles like to use a different shade on each lip to create glamour or something!

TO REMIND YOU: As showers become a major activity during the summertime women should take great delight in a new after-shower set which combines a fragrant body powder and of all things—a hair tonic. The reason for this is to remind you that your scalp needs frequent lubricating during the play months and the best time to anoint your head is directly after you have bathed. If you do not do it then you are likely to forget about doing it! The product comes from a famous English house which is famed for hitting the nail on the head!

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THE MORE PRACTICAL SIDE: Toe nails need clipping and hang nails need nipping if you desire to keep your hands and toes perfectly groomed. The tool for these jobs is a sturdy, sharp pair of nippers and a leading nail polish firm has just introduced nippers in three sizes made of finely tempered steel. Women like the small, men like the large nippers.

looks into the mirror on the opposite wall, pulls her hair about a bit and says: "Oh, I don't mind what I have... you choose."

"Never knows what she wants either to eat or anything else." I seem to have heard you saying that one a good many times. And you're right! The whole business of choosing a meal especially when you are there to do it for us is just a nuisance.

The secret is out—everyone knows it. Your secret that you told to the only girl you really trusted.

"Trust a woman," you say, bitterly, thinking what a fool you were.

We admit it—the bit about trusting us. With a secret on a bit of information. Word care- less talkers—all the time. We don't mean to be, but the awful desire to inform gets us. We just must show that we have inside information. You hear about the latest tall-tale and say: "Just like a woman." And you're right.

"Shan't Be Five Minutes Dear!"

Just like a woman. You men say something like that thousands of times a year. It's your favourite crack at us. Most times you do your wise-cracking with a lot of other men when we are out of hearing.

But when you are exasperated

and angry or just plain bored, you flick us raw with: "Just like a woman!" We hate it and we say so... unless we are very, exceptional women.

But all the same... you're right.

Five minutes to wait for her. She is going to be ready, all set. "That means half an hour," you growl, and settle down with your newspaper.

How right you are. How well you know us. When it comes to fixing a new hair style or a different hat women have no more idea of time than a broken alarm clock.

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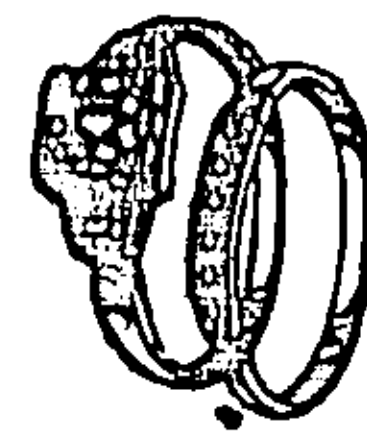
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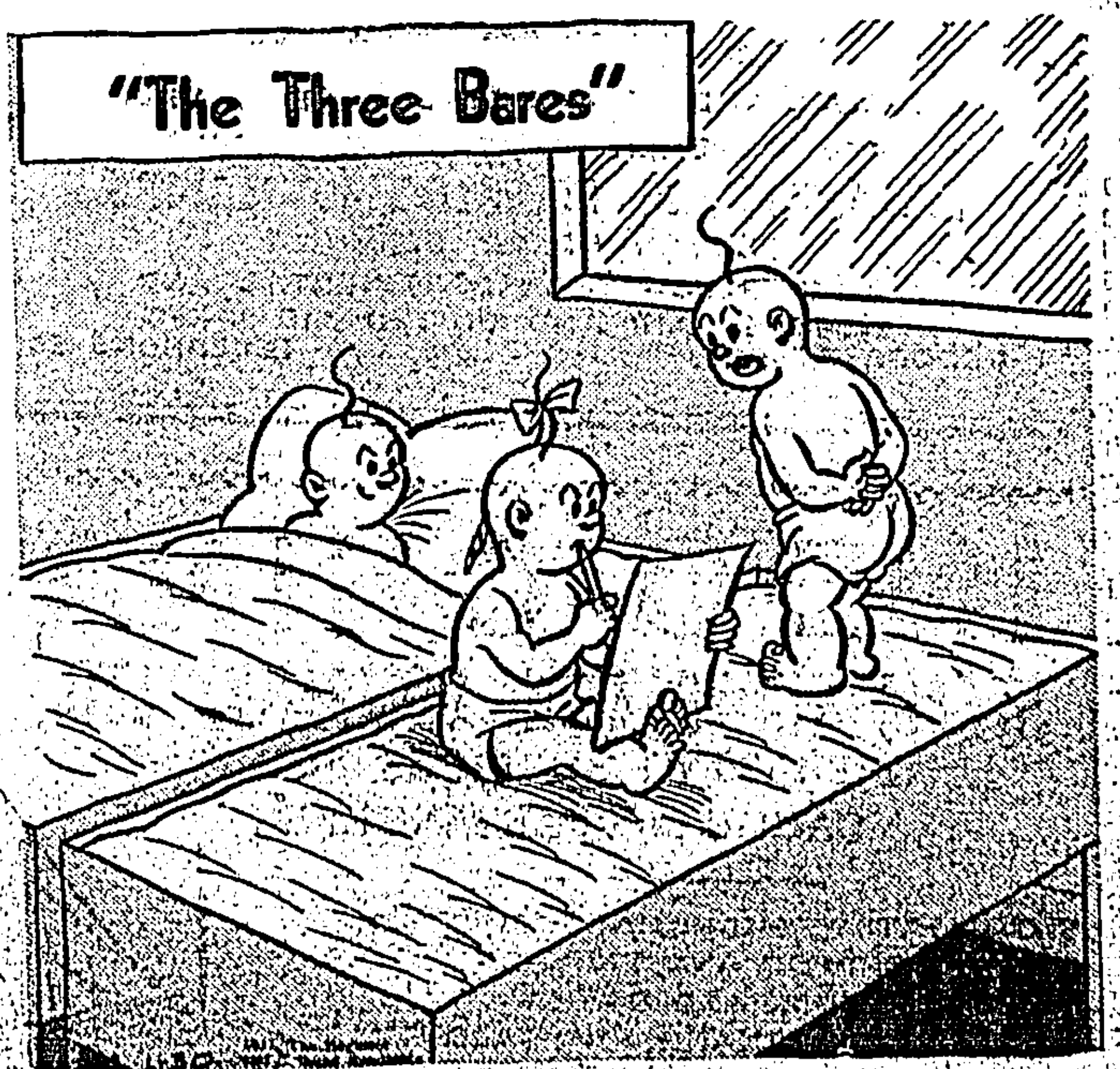
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RADIO

12.15 p.m.—Short Service of Interces-

sion.

12.30 p.m.—A Military Band Concert

with Peter Dawson (Bass-Baritone).

Fantasia, "Our Homeland" — Intro:

Hearts of Oak; John Peel; A Hun-

dred Pipers; Garry Owen; London-

derry Air; Loudly Proclaim (arr.

J. C. Windram). The Band of

H.M. Coldstream Guards.

Sons Of The Sea (Coleridge-Taylor).

Peter Dawson with Orchestra.

The Cock O' The North — Highland

Patrol (H. Carle). Foden's Motor

Works Band.

Waltzing Matilda (Paterson-Cowan,

arr. Wood); Walata Poi (Hill).

Peter Dawson with Orchestra and

Chorus.

Hands Across The Sea — March

(Sousa). Band of H.M. Cold-

stream Guards.

Colonial Medley—Intro: Canada—The

Maple Leaf Forever; O Canada.

Australia—Advance Australia, New

Zealand—God Defend New Zealand.

South Africa—Sarie Marais. Band

of H.M. Coldstream Guards.

1.00 p.m.—Local Time Signal and Pro-

gramme Summary.

1.02 p.m.—Half An Hour Of Light Rus-

sian Music.

Song Of The Volga Boatmen (Challa-

pine, arr. Koenenmarin). Theodore

Challapine (Bass) with Orchestra.

Sleep My Baby; Moscow; Ballet from

"Konjok Gorbunok"; Prelude Slav;

From Sunrise To Sunset; Beautiful

Moon; Along Petrograd Road, Bake

No Bread. Russian Vagabonds

with Orchestra.

Vanka (Vocal and Instrumental).

An Old Waltz; A Storin; The Gate;

Festival Dance. Russian Vaga-

bonds with Orchestra.

Black Eyes. Theodore Challapine

(Bass) with Orchestra.

Dark Night; Down The Paved Street;

The Meadow; See The Wonders

Of Nature; Ah! My Birch Tree

(arr. Heftetz). Russian Vagabonds

(with Orchestra).

1.30 p.m.—Reuter and Rugby Press and

Announcements.

1.45 p.m.—Short Programme of Ameri-

can Music.

Star Spangled Banner (Scott Key-

Arnold). Lucy Monroe (Soprano)

with National Symphony Orchestra.

Washington Post (Sousa, arr. Rawicz

& Landauer). Rawicz & Landauer

(Piano Duet).

Carry Me Back To Old Virginia (arr.

Hill Billies). The Hill Billies with

own novelty accomp.

Stars and Stripes (Sousa, arr. Rawicz

& Landauer). Rawicz & Landauer

(Piano Duet).

2.00 p.m.—Royal Command Perform-

ance 1938.

Y Bore Glas (Welsh Folk Song)....

Margaret Rees & Chorus.

Twankydllo (English Folk Song)....

Robert Easton & English Chorus.

To Heart-Easing Mirth (Purcell)

(Davies). Isobel Baillie, Elsie Sud-

daby, Astra Desmond & Chorus.

The Cloud-Cap'd Towers (Stevens)....

Massed Chorus cond. by Sir Hugh

Allen, G.C.V.O.

England (Parry). Mary Jarred &

Massed Chorus.

Jerusalem (Parry). National Anthem

(Final verse). Massed Chorus.

2.16 p.m.—Close down.

6.00 p.m.—Indian Programme.

6.45 p.m.—Closing Local Stock Quota-

tions.

6.47 p.m.—Variety.

Orchestra—For The Forces—Intro:

Hearts of Oak; Hielan Laddie; All

Thro' The Night; Walt For The

Wagon; Minstrel Boy; Maple Leaf;

O Canada; Australia With Re There;

God Defend New Zealand; Kooch

Tlaani; Sonner Af Norge; Wil-

helmus-van-Massauwe; La Braban-

conne; Sambre et Meuse; En Pas-

sant Par La Lorraine; Here's A

Health Unto His Majesty. Debroy

Somers Band.

Vocal Duet—Hello, Ma! Is 'E Aussie.

Lizzie, Is 'E? Flotsam & Jetsam

with Piano.

Bell & Organ—Intermezzo Russe

(Frankel). Joe Green & Mill Herth

(Hammond Organ).

Vocal—America, I Love You (Leslie-

Gottler). Barry Wood (Baritone)

with Orchestra.

Orchestra—Savoy Cavalcade—Scot-

tish Medley—Intro: Ye Bahks &

Braes; Comin' Thro' The Rye; With

A Hundred Pipes; Annie Laurie;

Loch Lomond; Hielan Laddie.

Carroll Gibbons & The Savoy Hotel

Orpheans.

Comedian—The A.R.P. (My Wee Gas

Mask—Kerr). Dave Willis with

Orchestra.

Harmonica Duet—Beer Barrel Polka

(Brown, Timm, Vejvoda). The

Piehal Brothers with guitar & bass.

Organ—Irish Medley—Intro: Rakes of

Morrow; Mother Machree; When

Irish Eyes Are Smiling; A Little

Bit Of Heaven; Garry Owen; Irish

Washerwoman; Peggy O'Neill; Rose

Of Tralee; Killarney; St. Patrick's

Day. Reginald Dixon.

Vocal—There'll Always Be An Eng-

land (Parker & Charles). Dennis

Noble with Piano accomp.

Orchestra—Russian Potpourri

(Michalowsky). Russian Balalaika

Orchestra.

Vocal—Thank You America (Jum-

mann-Grossman). Deanna Durbin

with Orchestra.

7.30 p.m.—Musical Comedy Selections.

"Home & Beauty"—Love Me A Little

To-day (Brodsky & others); A Nice

Cup Of Tea (Herbert & Sullivan)

Binnie Hale (Vocal) with Orch.

The Fleet's Lit Up—Selection.

Gerald & his London Hippodrome

Orchestra.

"Wild Violets"—You, Just You (Car-

ter & Stolz). Anne Ziegler &

Webster Booth (Vocal Duet) with

Orchestra.

"Crest Of The Wave"—Selection (Ivor

Novello, arr. Prentice). The

Drury Lane Theatre Orchestra.

8.00 p.m.—London Relay—The News.

8.15 p.m.—London Relay—War Com-

mentary.

8.25 p.m.—London Relay—"Listening

Post". Examination of Points in

Daily German Propaganda.

8.30 p.m.—London—Sarah Churchill and

Vic Oliver in "Happy Days".

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9.00 p.m.—Local Time Signal. Pro-

gramme Summary and Announce-

ments.

9.02 p.m.—A Programme Of Old Eng-

lish Music.

Pavane; Galliard (William Byrd);

Chaconne (Henry Purcell);

Society of Ancient Instruments.

The Lass With The Delicate Air

(Michael Arne). Nan Maryska

(Soprano) with Piano.

A Trumpet Voluntary (For Bass &

Organ—Purcell, arr. Wood). Sir

Hamilton Harty conducting. The

Halle Orchestra.

Where The Bee Sucks (Shakespeare-

Arne). Elisabeth Schumann

(Soprano) with Piano.

9.23 p.m.—Haydn—Symphony No. 96 in

D Major.

1st Mov. Adagio-Allegro; 2nd Mov.

Andante; 3rd Mov. Menuetto (Al-

legretto) & Trio; 4th Mov. Finale

(Vivace assai). Vienna Philhar-

monic Orchestra cond. by Bruno

Walter.

9.45-10.00 p.m.—News in French (on

Short Wave only).

9.45 p.m.—Piano Solos by Eileen Joyce.

Lotus Land and Dance Negre (Cyril

Scott); Tarantella In A Minor

(Farjeon); Valse In E Major

(Maurice Moszkowski).

10.00 p.m.—London Relay—The News

and News Commentary.

10.15 p.m.—B.B.C. Recording—"March-

ing To Victory". A Programme of

War Songs from the Empire recorded

in Britain. Written and compiled by

Brian Meredith—and Cecil Madden

(with the cooperation, on India, of

Lionel Fielden. Narrators: Peter

Pooley and Z. A. Bokhari).

10.36 p.m.—Dance Music.

Quick-Step—Wings Over The Navy;

Fox-Trot—The Girl Who Loves A

Soldier (from film "The Little Dog

Laughed"). Sidney Lipton and his

Grosvenor House Dance Orchestra.

Fox-Trot—Lords Of The Air. The

Organ, The Dance Band and Me.

Fox-Trot—Till The Lights Of London

AXIS AIR POWER BEING SWAMPED

British and United States aircraft production will "completely swamp" that of the Axis Powers by the end of 1942.

This opinion is emphatically expressed by Sir Walter Citrine, general secretary of the Trade Union Congress, in a book he has written on his recent three-months tour of the United States, "My American Diary" (George Routledge Ltd., 5s.).

His estimate is given after making every allowance for contingencies which can be foreseen. "I am not losing sight of the fact that Germany is using occupied territory to expand her output," he writes.

His estimate of the output of American shipyards is that it will exceed 2,500,000 tons in 1942, and will rise to over 5,000,000 tons in subsequent years, compared with 4,000,000 tons in 1919.

The American labour problem is, he states, seriously complicated by rivalry between the two American labour organisations, the American Federation of Labour and the Congress of Industrial Organisations, and by the reluctance of employers to promote collective bargaining.

The former factor, he considers, has prevented the President from bringing the two organisations together officially to collaborate in the war effort. The latter, he believes, will lead, if persisted in, either to strict Governmental regulation or open coercion by the Government, or possibly both.

Sir Walter brought back an impression "of the unquestionable readiness and determination of the American nation as a whole to render material aid to Britain as quickly and as extensively as it could be organised."

He found them moving rapidly away from the misconception that it was a comparatively simple matter to switch over from peace production to manufacturing war materials in the measure and with the rapidity required.

Shine Again... Jack Jackson & his

Band.

Fox-Trot—They Can't Black-out The

Moon... Jay Wilbur & his Band.

Fox-Trot—We Must All Stick To-

gether... Billy Cotton & his Band.

Quick-Step—Kiss Me Goodnight Ser-

geant Major... Sidney Lipton & his

Grosvenor House Dance Orchestra.

11.00 p.m.—London Relay—"Britain To-

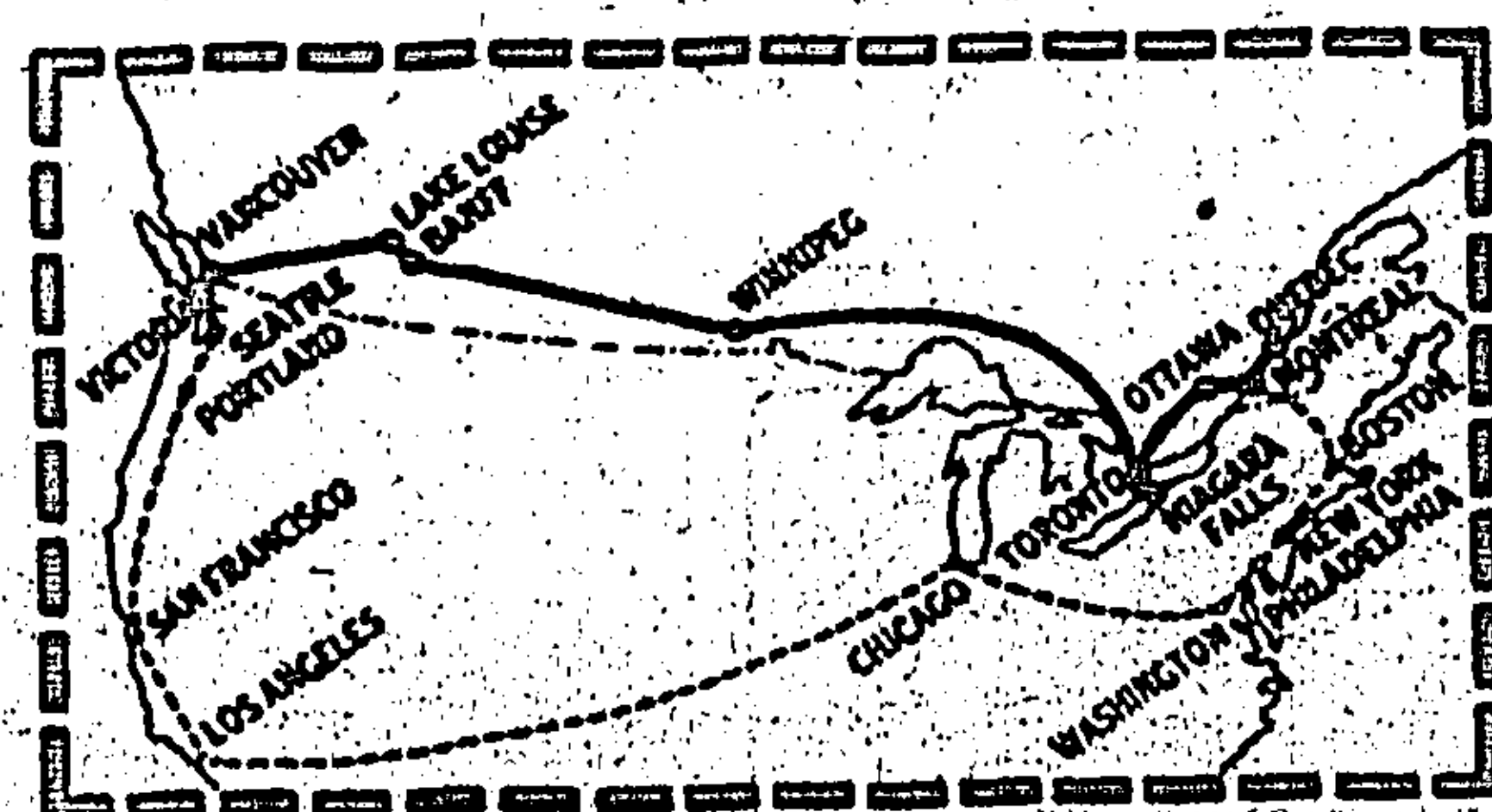
day". Discussion with Gerald Barry

and Clarence Dane.

11.15 p.m.—Close down.

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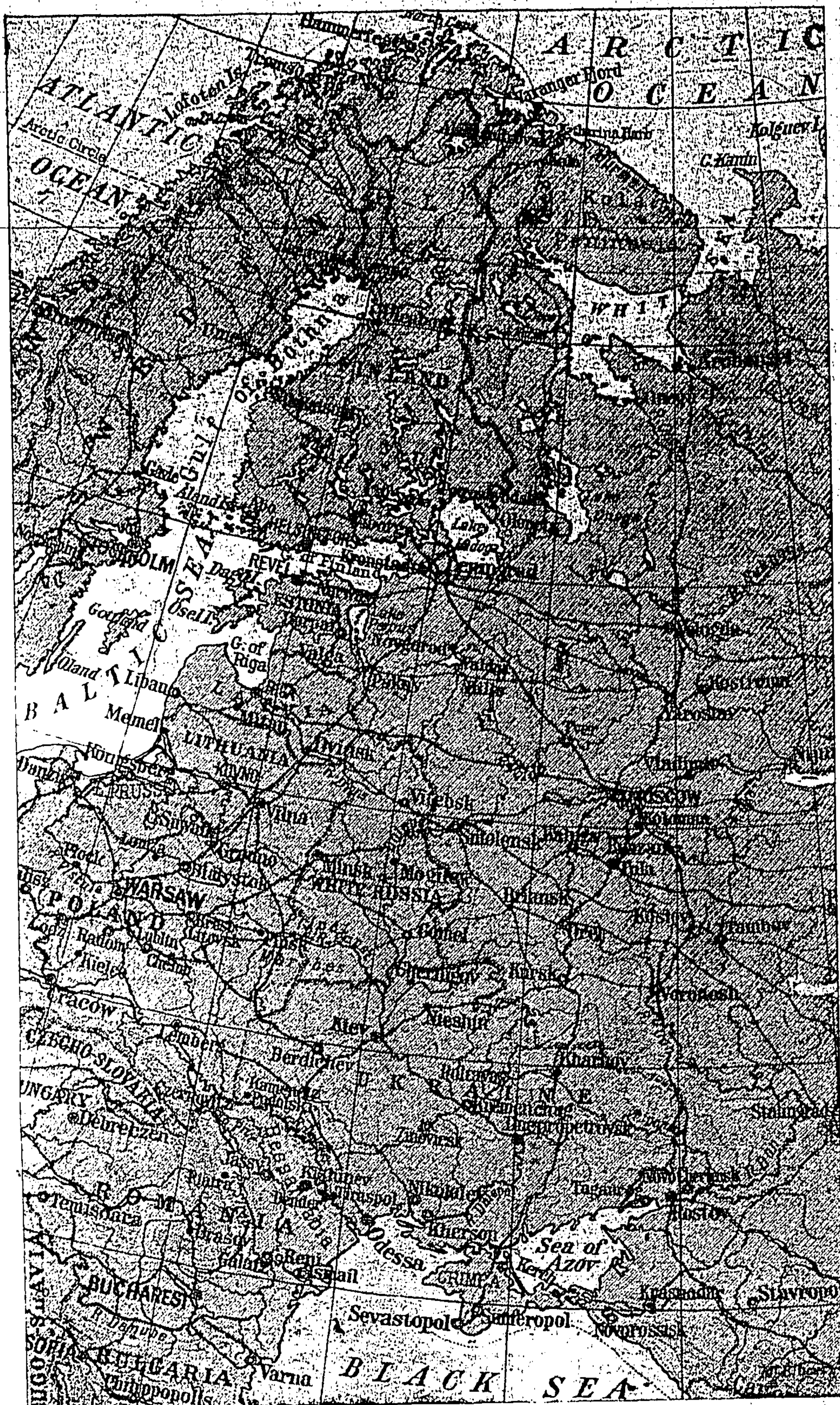
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RUSSIAN FANATICISM CAUSING NAZIS ANXIETY

EVER-GROWING GUERRILLA warfare behind the German lines is causing the Nazi invaders grave anxiety, reports the Moscow correspondent of the London "Daily Telegraph."

"Most of these guerrillas," he says, "are organised in units which are supplied by Russian bombers with medical goods, food, and ammunition. The bombers actually land behind the German lines."

As an illustration of the fanaticism with which the Russians are fighting, "The Times" publishes the text of the oath taken by guerrilla soldiers in White Russia:

Sooner Die

"I, a true son of heroic White Russians, promise not to lay down arms until the last invader of White Russian soil is destroyed. I promise to avenge mercilessly, without pity, the destruction of our towns and villages, the death and torture of our children. Blood shall be avenged by blood, death by death."

"I declare that I would sooner die in cruel battle than surrender myself, my family, and people as slaves to bloodthirsty Fascism. Should I, by weakness, cowardice, or evil design violate this oath,

or betray the interests of my people, may I suffer a shameful death at the hands of my comrades."

The Zurich newspaper, "La Suisse," says that German officials are now admitting that Russia's preparations were on a more extensive scale than was realised.

"Blitzkrieg Beaten"

"Much blood and some progress" summarises the German reports to Berlin recently. Dispatch after dispatch emphasised the bitterness of the Russian resistance.

The German newspaper, "Völkischer Beobachter," declares that the dogged tenacity of the Red Army surpasses that of all previous opponents. It reminds its readers of Hitler's prediction that the war would be "bitter and bloody."

"Izvestia," an official Moscow newspaper, replies: "We are not hurrying with a statement that the Fascist Army has been smashed, but its blitzkrieg trump has been beaten and our resistance is growing and gaining strength."

BRITISH GIRLS IN 3RD ROUND

Miss Valerie Scott and Miss Nina Brown, the two English girls taking part in the American Women's Lawn Tennis Championships at Forest Hills, entered the Third Round of the tournament yesterday. Miss Scott beating Miss Barbara Strobar 6-0, 9-7, and Miss Brown beat Miss Lillian Popaus 6-1, 6-3.

Bryan "Bitty" Grant, one of the leading contenders in the men's singles event, had a three-hours battle before beating Pancho Segura, from Ecuador, 8-6, 4-6, 9-7, 6-2.—Reuter.

California is regarded as a slight favourite to win the Pacific Coast football title this year.

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MIDDLESEX WIN GALA AT EUROPEAN "Y"

Middlesex won the inter-Club gala last night at European Y.M.C.A. as the result of their second placing in the last race,—the 150 Yards Medley Relay—which gave them a four points lead over "Y".

Following were the results:
50 Yards Free-Style:—1, Sig. Hunt (C.S.U.); 2, Bdr. Thompson (Combined R.A.); 3, E. W. Ralston (Y.M.C.A.); 4, Wong Sun (Royal Engineers); 5, Bindon (Middlesex).

900 Yards Free-Style Relay (Teams of Six):—1, Y.M.C.A. (W. S. Gegg, E. A. Roberts, R. Goldman, L. A. Benn, A. F. May and E. W. Ralston); 2, Combined R.A.; 3, Combined Small Units; 4, Middlesex Regiment; 5, Royal Engineers.

Plunging:—1, Middlesex Regiment (106 ft.); 2, Royal Engineers (101 ft. 9 ins.); 3, Combined R.A. (100 ft. 7 ins.); 4, Combined Small Units (89 ft. 8 ins.); 5, Y.M.C.A. (83 ft. 3 ins.).

75 Yards Medley Relay:—1, Combined Small Units; 2, Y.M.C.A.; 3, Middlesex; 4, Combined R.A.; 5, Royal Engineers.

Diving (Three Dives):—1, Middlesex (Quickenden and Holdford), 98½ pts.; 2, Combined R.A., 94 pts.; 3, Combined Small Units, 87½ pts.; 4, Royal Engineers, 84 pts.; 5, Y.M.C.A., 83 pts.

150 Yards Medley Relay (Two Back, Two Breast and Two Free):—1, Y.M.C.A. (E. A. Roberts, R. Maynard, R. Goldman, L. A. Benn, W. S. Gegg, and A. F. May); 2, Middlesex; 3, Combined R.A.; 4, Combined Small Units; 5, Royal Engineers.
Water-Polo:—White 2 v Colours 1.

S.C.A.A. Gala

South China Athletic Association held their fourth swimming gala of the season at North Point last night with the following results:

200 Metres Free-Style Relay (Open):—1, Easter; 2, Chinese Y.M.C.A.; 3, Hong Kong and Kowloon Residents' Association. Time: 1 min. 51 3-5 secs.
Ladies' 50 Metres Free-Style:—1, Li Po-luen; 2, Li Oi-ying; 3, Chiu So-bik. Time: 44 1-5 secs.

100 Metres Back-Stroke:—1, Au Leung-wah; 2, Yeung Cheung-wah; 3, Fong Kwok-yu. Time: 1 min. 29 4-5 secs.

Children's 100 Metres Free-Style:—1, Ko Wah-hung; 2, Kwong Man-yu; 3, Yeung Ting-kong. Time: 1 min. 38 2-5 secs.

50 Metres Fancy Swimming:—1, Tsang Yeung; 2, Ho Pun-kan; 3, Yeung On-kong.

400 Metres Free-Style:—1, Yeung Cheung-wah; 2, Ho Pun-kan; 3, Cheong Siu-cho. Time: 6 mins. 22 secs.

Middle Training Class 10 Metres Free-Style:—1, Yeung Ting-kong; 2, Kwong Man-yu; 3, Ko Kin-yu. Time: 1 min. 39 4-5 secs.

Ladies' 400 Metres Free-Style:—1, Li Po-luen; 2, Ho Wah-man; 3, Chiu So-bik. Time: 7 mins. 45 2-5 secs.

Staff 100 Metres Free-Style:—1, Man On; 2, Tam Hon; 3, Li Kan. Time: 1 min. 23 4-5 secs.

Chinese Pressmen's 100 Metres (Free-Style):—1, Shek Kam-pui (Sing Tao); 2, Chi Wai-lam (Sing Tao); 3, Wo Chi-lung.

50 Metres Free-Style Consolation Race:—1, Yeung Ying-hon; 2, Chu Kwok-leung; 3, Cheung Kat-pui. Time: 32 4-5 secs.

A coach of high school athletics before he joined the Air Corps, Earl R. Kingsley of Fayetteville, Ark., is a student again. He is a Flying Cadet, receiving basic flight training at Randolph Field, the "West Point of the Air."

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MR. T. K. LI'S 'DOUBLE' AT FINAL "POW" OF H.K. JOCKEY CLUB

THE FINAL "POW" OF THE SEASON WAS HELD AT THE VALLEY THIS MORNING AND WAS HIGHLIGHTED BY A "DOUBLE" FOR MR. T. K. LI, THE POPULAR OWNER, WHO WON THE EVENT FOR AUSTRALIAN PONIES ON HIS ODIN AND CAME FIRST PAST THE POST IN THE CHINA PONIES EVENT ON ANOTHER OF HIS PONIES, ODEON.

There was a minor mishap during the second race — for China ponies — when Mr. L. S. Mui, on Clowner, was unseated just after the start. Fortunately, however, he was none the worse for his experience and returned to the jockeys' room unassisted.

This morning's races were run at catchweights, and due to the fact that there was a great deal of difference in "class" there was quite some distance separating the first few ponies from the rest of the field in both events. Results were:—

1 Mile Race for Australian Ponies.
1. Odin (T. K. Li).
2. Rising Star (K. Kwok).
3. Sparrow (K. F. Chiu).
9 starters. Won by 1½ lengths; many lengths. Time: 25; 54; 124.1; 154.1.

Also ran: Casino (C. F. Ng), Joan (Chan Oi-wan), Pigtail (T. L. Tseng), Ophir (P. M. Hoo).

V.R.C. GALA THIS EVENING

VICTORIA RECREATION CLUB ARE HOLDING THEIR LAST INTRA-MEMBERS SWIMMING GALA THIS EVENING AT 6.07 P.M. IN PREPARATION FOR THE COLONY CHAMPIONSHIPS LATER IN THE MONTH.

Charles Huang, who did well against Chan Chan-nun and Ng Nin in the Championships last year, will be competing after a short illness, and will attempt to better 2 mins. 30 secs. a mark which he has set himself this season.

A. L. Rumjahn will also attempt to cover the 100 Yards back-stroke event in under 70 secs.

Following is the programme of events:—

MEN'S
220 Yards free-style (Handicap). "A" Class.
100 Yards back-stroke (Handicap). Diving.
50 Yards free-style (Handicap). "B" Class.

50 Yards breast-stroke (Handicap). 150 Yards Mixed Relay (six-a-side).

LADIES
50 Yards free-style. "A" Class.
25 Yards free-style (Handicap). Beginners.

50 Yards breast-stroke (Handicap). 50 Yards free-style (Handicap). "B" and Beginners Classes.
50 Yards back-stroke (Handicap).

BOYS
50 Yards back-stroke (Handicap). 100 Yards free-style (Handicap). 100 Yards breast-stroke (Handicap).



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A. K. Rumjahn, who will attempt to better 70 seconds in the 100 Yards back-stroke event at the V.R.C. gala this evening.

VOLUNTEER SWIMMING CHAMPIONSHIP

It was decided at a meeting of the Hong Kong Volunteer Defence Corps Swimming Committee, held at Corps Headquarters last evening, that the annual Corps Swimming Championships will be held in the Army Pool on Saturday, September 20, and that for the first time the programme will include events open to the Garrison.

This innovation should prove extremely popular as competition between teams representing Volunteers, Army and Navy promises to be very keen.

There will also be a championship race for the Nursing Division, while a relay race will be held between teams representing the Nursing Division, A.N.S., A.R.P. and Military Nurses.

In addition there will be races open to the Police and A.R.P. men respectively, while a water-polo match will be played between Volunteers and Combined Services.

The Volunteers' Selection Committee will comprise L. A. Soares (Portuguese Companies), H. Wing Lee (No. 3 Company) and R. Goldman (No. 1 Company).

In Aid Of Charity

Proceeds will be in aid of the British Prisoners of War Fund and as an added attraction a band will be in attendance during the evening. Tickets will be at \$2.50 (or "what you will") and \$1.00. Servicemen to be admitted at half-price to the \$1 seats.

The programme will be as follows:—

CORPS CHAMPIONSHIPS
4 x 2 lengths free-style relay race.
3 x 1 length medley relay race.
1 length free-style (A.F.S.).
High Dive (3 dives each).
6 x 1 length free-style relay race.
INTER-GARRISON EVENTS
6 x 1 length medley relay (two swimmers each for breast, back and free-style).
4 x 3 lengths free-style relay.
High Dive.
Water-Polo (Volunteers v Services).
3 lengths individual medley.

OTHER EVENTS
Nursing Division Championship Relay Race (Ladies).
1 length free-style (Police).
1 length free-style (A.R.P., Men).

War Tax (Chan Hon), Maple Star (Lo Kwong-to).

1 Mile Race for China Ponies.
1. Odeon (T. K. Li).
2. Boolat Bay (S. W. Lee).
3. Lancashire Chap (R. Blue-stone).

8 starters. Won by 6 lengths; many lengths. Time: 27.2; 59; 1.33; 2.06.3.

Also ran: This Time (Wong Yan), Desert Star (C. H. Chan), Smiling Time (M. F. Alarcon), Clowner (L. S. Mui), Chatterbox (A. A. Roza).

POLICE ARE PLAYING ON SATURDAY

Although there are no League Lawn Bowls Fixtures officially arranged for this week-end, Police R.C. have arranged to play-off their Third Division game against Craigengower Cricket Club on the latter's ground.

For this game only one positional change has been made in the Police team, Johnson and Channing, who played Nos. 2 and 3 respectively to Carey last week, exchanging positions.

The Police team is as follows: J. E. Hayward, J. S. Riddell, F. Nolan and J. C. Aitken (skip); A. Soutar, W. M. Smith, J. Orem and J. W. MacDonald (skip); L. C. Pennell, F. Channing, A. Johnson and A. E. Carey (skip). Reserve:—C. E. Willerton.

DID YOU KNOW?

Lefty Grove's mark of 300 victories records 195 with Athletics and 105 with the Red Sox. His standing:

	Won	Lost
Boston	35	8
Chicago	41	18
Cleveland	44	22
Detroit	60	18
New York	24	26
Philadelphia	13	4
St. Louis	42	16
Washington	31	25
	300	137

Mike Gonzales, former St. Louis Cardinal back-stop and long a Red Bird coach, names Rogers Hornsby as the best batter in history, Grover Cleveland Alexander, the finest pitcher in a pinch, and "me" Gonzales the top catcher of all time.

THE PERFECT SOCCER REFEREE'S MAKE-UP

The first monthly meeting of Hong Kong Football Referees' Association, held last night at Hotel Cecil, was very well attended and was presided over by Mr. H. Beard, the chairman.

It was suggested that the annual game between Referees and Press be played on Armistice Day, before the annual Charity game, and that Hong Kong Football Association be asked for the necessary permission.

A tribute to the work of P. O. Marie, who is leaving shortly, had been paid by the chairman and R. S. M. Ford. Both speakers wished him the best of luck in his new station.

In the course of his lecture, Lieut. Crosby said in part: "I do not know what the standard of refereeing is in the Colony. I have only had the opportunity as yet to see one or two Service games—my resultant opinion I will not make public, be it good or bad—but the standard ought to be very high in a tight little island like Hong Kong, where educational classes should be easy to hold. I am very proud to be able to associate Army F.A. Referee classes this year with those of Hong Kong Referees Society, and as far as it lies in our power, and I think I am right in saying that I speak for all members of the controlling Committee when I say this—

we shall do our best to give the candidates a good understanding of the meaning of the Laws and their application, and the way to apply them, and I sincerely hope that Hong Kong F.A. will support us by accepting and recognising our examinations.

"I would appeal to all Army Units and Civil clubs to use registered referees in their practice games, trainees in particular, and if any Unit or Club can help in this way they have only to apply to the Secretary of the Referee classes—R.S.M. E. C. Ford at Military Headquarters—who will provide them with an official for any game.

Referee Essentials

"What essentials must be in a Referee, and all referees? Well lots of people will differ from me, but for what it is worth I say that he must have love of the game, love of fair play, love of control, a hard skin, personality, unbiased mind, quickness in perception, imperviousness to other people's opinion, non-crowd-conscious, desire to serve fellow men and many other qualities which you can add to this list to suit yourself, but, of course, added to all these, which are more or less personal, must be a complete knowledge of the Laws etc. of the

ROYALS APPEAR TO HAVE SOLVED INSIDE- FORWARD PROBLEMS

By "Referee"

No team in First Division last season ever faced Royal Scots with absolute confidence, as it was well-known that Royals could on their day provide the strongest opposition to any side, and, with all of last season's team available and already in form, Royals are expected to do even better this coming football season.

Last season nine Royals represented Scotland in the semi-final of the "Sunday Herald" International Charity Cup—in which they caused a sensation by beating China, the holders—the two "outsiders" being Howlett and Ferrier of Police, who were inside-forwards. The lowly position of Royals in the League was then attributed to the lack of good inside-forwards, but from the friendly game on Saturday against Middlesex it was apparent that they will have little to worry on that score this season as both Fleming and MacDonald gave very impressive displays.

Bankier, who is ranked one of the best goalkeepers at present in the Colony, came into prominence in the latter stages of last season when he gave several rousing displays in representative games, particularly in the Governor's Cup competition, and with the perfect existing between him, Naysmith and Fraser, Royals have a trio of defenders well high the best in the Colony.



BANKIER

"Safety" Fraser

Sgt. Fraser, left-back, has not been nicknamed "Safety" without good reason. His positional play is a feature of his game, while his clean kicking and hard tackling have relieved many dangerous situations. Naysmith also played some very good games last season. He did not have so many opportunities in representative games, but in the few that he did play he showed that he was worthy of the position.

Royal Scots may not have brilliant players for their intermediate line, but

CLUB PLAYERS IN TRAINING

Hong Kong Football Club players were seen at practice yesterday afternoon, among those on view being J. Skinner, K. Forrow, A. Odell, S. Fowler, Dr. Shaw, and H. Millington.

A number of players from Sing Tao, who share the ground with Club, were also in action, among the senior players being Ip Pak-wah, Kwok Ying-kee, Tang Kwong-sum and Lai Shui-wing.

CLUB'S FIRST GAME

Hong Kong Football Club are meeting Royal Engineers in a friendly football game on the Club ground on Saturday, September 13.

game and regulations for its control. I will add a high sense of duty to the list, for a referee must be a man who, once having agreed to do a thing, will let nothing deter him from doing it.

"I have omitted fitness from my list of attributes of a referee, for, while agreeing that fitness is important, and greatly important at that, I think that too much of a fetish is made of it. An ultra fit man is apt to try and keep too close to the ball, and with the diagonal-control system it is not necessary to keep always close to the ball.

One point of advice, culled from experience, is don't be familiar with players, officials, or any one connected with clubs or competitions. It breeds suspicion of your neutrality and impartiality—the two most precious items in a Referee's reputation. Don't go or come to a ground with officials or teams, do not fraternise after the game, do not discuss the game or your decisions, or anybody else's, with the players or officials. Let your appearances on the field be your only public ones—don't get yourself noticed for unbecoming behaviour, be quiet and inconspicuous off the field, but boss on it. Be smart and clean in your appearance."

they have a wealth of talent in this department, and any three chosen should do well. Royals' half-backs have often upset many a good forward line with their hard and quick tackling.

Falconer, who plays a hard and robust game at all times, will probably be seen in the pivotal position with Clark and Munro as his wing-halves. Pte. Fraser, Parnaby and Marshall are others likely to be considered.



FALCONER

Auld Leading Attack

Auld will be leading the attack. The manager of one of the Chinese teams has a great opinion of him. He has height, can use his head well, has a powerful shot, and only requires a little more ball control and steadiness in front of goal to make him one of the most dangerous forwards in the Colony. In a friendly game recently Moore, who played for the juniors at centre-half last season, was tried on the left wing, but it has not yet been decided who will fill that position.

Hossack will be seen on the right wing, and when on form he is very dangerous, possessing speed, good ball control, a good serve and a centre of the right height.

The inside-forwards, Fleming and MacDonald, impressed in last Saturday's game and should hold these positions.

Junior Talent

Royals' juniors are expected to figure prominently in Second Division, and if the calls of the senior team are less than they were last season Royals should be near the top of the division.

Clark and Salter are the two goalkeepers—the latter played for Kowloon juniors last season, while the former played some good games last season. Thomson and Parnaby, last year's full-backs, are still available, while the intermediate line, who may lose Moore, through promotion, can claim Gibson, Gibb, Fraser and Marshall among others.

The juniors will miss Auld, who was their main goal-scorer, but they have enough material, which, with practice, should blend into a good forward line.

Following have been registered with Hong Kong Football Association:—L/Cpl. Larkin, Pte. Auld, Pte. D. Gibb, Pte. S. Parnaby, Pte. Salter, Pte. Falconer, L/Cpl. Gibson, Pte. Gardiner, Pte. Adamson, L/Cpl. R. Parnaby, Pte. Forrest, Pte. Clark, Pte. Moore, Pte. Woods, Pte. Fraser, L/Cpl. Fowler, Pte. Thomson, L/Cpl. Munro, L/Cpl. Hunter, Pte. Laws, L/Cpl. Wiseman, Sgt. Fraser, Pte. Clarke, Cpl. Marshall, Pte. Hossack, Pte. Bailey, Pte. D. Fleming, Pte. McDonald.

SOUTH CHINA'S JUNIOR PLAYERS

Following are South China's Second Division football players already signed up:—Ho Po-pui, Chan Yue-ching, Ho Lok-kee, Chang Hoi-cheung, Lee Chi-ho, Fook Yiu-wah, Lai Chung-yuen, Che Wing-kuen, Chin Chun-fai and Lee Tien-kai.

NEW SING TAO CENTRE-HALF

Meng Yu-liang, a centre-half from Shanghai, has arrived in the Colony and will be playing for Sing Tao in the Football League.

JOHN CHYE DUE HERE SHORTLY

It is rumoured that John Chye, well-known Singapore Chinese soccer centre-forward, is arriving in the Colony shortly and will be signing on for Sing Tao.

Grass Track Good As Ever: Betting Facilities Improved

By "Rapiet"

AFTER AN INTERVAL OF THREE MONTHS, RACING WILL ON SEPTEMBER 27 AGAIN BECOME THE MAJOR ATTRACTION IN LOCAL SPORT.

THERE IS NO DOUBT THAT THE PONIES HAVE BENEFITTED FROM THEIR WELL-MERITED REST, AND, WITH THE APPROACH OF THE NEXT RACE MEETING, THEY HAVE BEEN PUT THROUGH INTENSIVE TRAINING. MOST OF THE PONIES THAT WERE SENT AWAY HAVE NOW RETURNED, AND IT IS CONFIDENTLY EXPECTED THAT THEY WILL BE IN FINE CONDITION FOR RACING IN GOOD TIME.

During the interval the officials of Hong Kong Jockey Club have been extremely busy in making improvements. A new coat of grass has been laid down almost all round the track, and the Members' Pari-Mutuel counters, which were previously in the middle of the hall, have been moved back towards the wall, replacing the Members' "Daily Double" counter and thus allowing more room to move about in.

Before I proceed to give a few notes on current training, I would like to refer to the loss which racing in particular, and sport in general, will sustain with the departure from this Colony of H.E. the Governor, Sir Geoffrey Northcote, and Lady Northcote. Ever since their arrival in this Colony they have made themselves most popular through the keen interest which they evinced in the various branches of sport. Lady Northcote was the owner of Gladiolus, a China pony, and Devonian, an Australian pony, and had several successes. I am sure I am only voicing the sentiments of my readers when I express the hope that Sir Geoffrey will soon be restored to good health.

Confusion Bay Declining?

I HAVE had several opportunities of watching the morning gallops which have been in progress for some time, and, although it is rather too early at the moment to state anything with any degree of certainty, I trust that the following pointers will serve a useful purpose.

There seems to be something wrong with Confusion Bay, the Champion China Pony. I may be wrong, but observation of this pony in training gives me the impression that it is declining. It has lost some of its fire, and I am afraid that its prospects of retaining the championship are not particularly bright.

Oolong, the Derby winner, and the best of this year's griffins, has evidently benefited from the summer rest and is looking extremely fit. If it can be kept in its present form, it will be hard to beat in the Hong Kong Autumn Champions. O-Lan, Dupont Bay, Hillsboro Bay, Galveston Bay, Odeon and Mount Hope Bay, all of which are always dangerous contenders, are coming along nicely, particularly the last-named, which appears to be slowly but surely regaining its old form after its lameness.

BASKETBALL TO-NIGHT

Two matches in the Open Basketball League will be played at Kowloon Chinese Y.M.C.A. to-night, when Bank Union meet Trojans and Chinese Y.M.C.A. come up against Yu Leang.

Lady Wakehurst Beats Lindrum ---

Many thousands of pounds have been raised for various war funds and charities, and while golf heads the list in Great Britain, billiards and snooker are well in the picture.

Walter Lindrum, too, has been raising thousands for War Funds, and he recently passed the £20,000 mark.

He has been giving fantastic starts to rivals in his charity games, and has, naturally, not always been able to beat the self-imposed handicap. For example, he conceded 98 in a hundred to Lady Wakehurst, wife of the Governor of New South Wales. She failed to score on her first visit, as did Lindrum. Then Lady

Wakehurst, who declared that she "couldn't play billiards for toffee," scored a table-length cannon and potted the red for a break of 3 which gave her victory by 103 points to 0.

Lindrum has also been sending the world record, under the new ball-line rule, higher and higher. In July, 1940 he set the record at 3,361 when playing against his brother Fred. Last April he made new figures of 3,735 but he has since raised the total to 3,752, an effort which took him three hours.

Another record of his has been the quick-scoring one of 100 points in 38.3/8 secs, beating his own previous best by ten seconds. — Reuter

ST. LEGER BETTING

Yesterday's call-over for the St. Leger, to be run at Manchester on Saturday, was as follows:
Mazarin 8 to 1 o, 13 to 2 t.
Chateau la Rose, 8 to 1 o, 13 to 2 t.
Owen Tudor, 15 to 2 o, 8 to 1 t.
Suncoast, 9 to 1, t and o.
Devonian, 9 to 1, t and o.
Royalist, 10 to 1 o, 11 to 1 t.
Bakhtawar, 100 to 9 o, 100 to 8 t.
Orthodox, 100 to 6 o.
Lambert Slinnet, 18 to 1 o.
Dancing Time, 20 to 1 o.
Ptolemy 20 to 1 o.
Starwort, 25 to 1 o, 25 to 1 t.
Folous, 25 to 1 o, 25 to 1 t.
Firozedin, 25 to 1 o.
Royal Academy, 33 to 1 o, 40 to 1 t.
Fettes, 35 to 1 o.
Ranger, 100 to 1 o.
There will be further call-overs on Thursday and Friday.—Reuter.

Bill Flisk, former Southern California end and now a member of the Detroit Lions, is spending the summer in the movies.

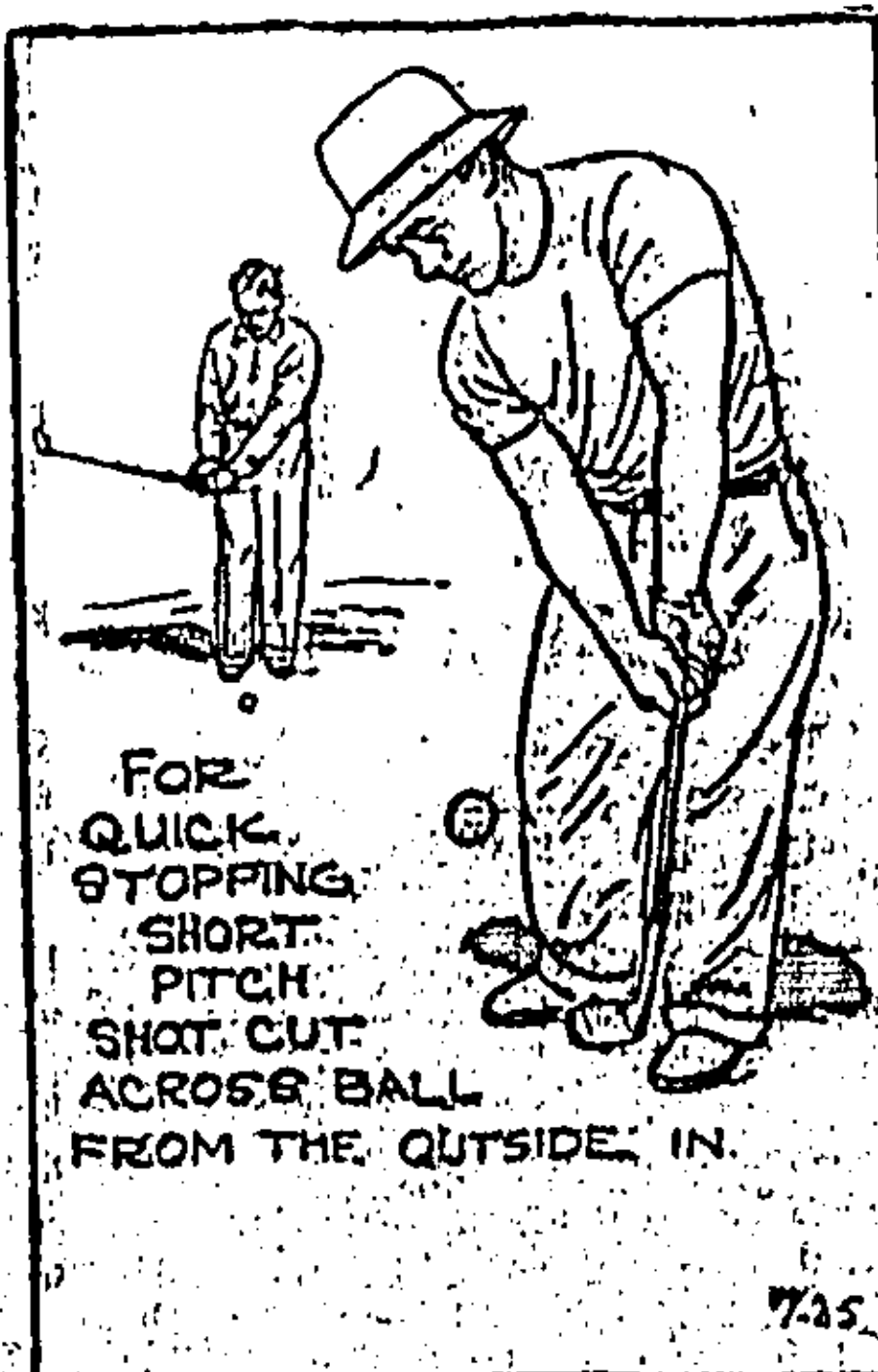
Joe Dutton, son of Mervyn (Red) Dutton, manager of the New York Americans National Hockey League team, received wings last month at graduating class exercises of the No. 5 Royal Canadian Air Force Training School.

Jack Stackpool, University of Washington Varsity full-back, is rated as the hardest full-back to bring down that the Huskies have had since Paul Sulkosky. Stackpool is surprisingly fast for his height and weight—he stands six feet one inch and weighs 190 pounds. He is a senior.

Easier Golf

SHORT PITCH SHOT By Best Ball

In addition to the short pitch shot which hits the ball a descending blow, the loft of the clubface adding spin, there is still another method that is in more or less favour among experienced golfers. This is the cut shot, illustrated above, in which the face of the club is opened and on contact with the ball drawn across it from the right to the left. In both instances supple hand and wrist action is



desired. In the cut shot the procedure is expedited by using a slightly open stance, left leg slightly withdrawn from the line of flight. This allows the arms and hands to draw the face of the club-head inward across the ball without hindrance from the left side which is turned aside out of the way.

The backspin and sidespin imparted by such a shot has the capacity of making the ball rise quickly and stop quickly. The ball is inclined to have a slight left to right fade and at the finish bounce a little to the right. Allowance should be made for this when lining up the shot.

GOLF ITEMS

O. E. C. MARTON IN FINE FORM AT ROSE BAY

SKILFUL ROYAL HONG KONG CLUB PLAYER, O. E. C. MARTON, WAS AGAIN IN FINE FORM AT ROSE BAY, WRITES THE "SYDNEY SUN" OF JULY 27.

He started with a fine drive and a birdie three at the first, and had an eagle three at the 483 yards 15th, in a card of 3 5 3 4 4 4 5 4 4—36, in 6 4 4 5 3 3 5 4 4—38—74.

SOME of us don't get very far playing in golf tournaments, but we meet a lot of interesting people, writes Richards Vidmer. You've probably met the same types around your own course, for golfers can be classified as distinctively as clubs.

For instance, there is "open champion." He generally plays in the low 80's, but he takes on all the characteristics of a fellow low playing for the championship of the world. Even in a friendly match, if he gets some one he can beat easily, he studies every putt from both ends, looks over the texture of the green and wipes off his hands before taking a stance. On the tee he steps up to the ball smartly, fixes his feet just so and holds his pose after hitting the ball.

THEN there is the jitterbug. His own shadow worries him and if a caddy on the adjoining fairway should move as he makes a shot it is almost worth his life. He is the fellow who asks you to stand somewhere else when he is about to drive. It doesn't matter where you happen to be standing, he just doesn't want you there. He explains almost every shot he misses by the fact that a bird chirped just as he was at the top of his backswing, or a car passed down the road, a quarter of a mile away.

THE "jitterbug" matter where you happen to be standing, he just doesn't want you there. He explains almost every shot he misses by the fact that a bird chirped just as he was at the top of his backswing, or a car passed down the road, a quarter of a mile away.

AND perhaps you've seen the consultant. He's a very common type and found frequently in the rough. He always asks you what club you use and then goes into conference with his caddy about what club he should use. He also wants to know if the green slopes to the right or the left when he's two brassie shots away and no matter how often he has played a course he glances at the card on each tee to find out what the yardage of the hole is.

THE "consultant" also wants to know if the green slopes to the right or the left when he's two brassie shots away and no matter how often he has played a course he glances at the card on each tee to find out what the yardage of the hole is. We hope to give you a few more next week.

The Pittsburgh Baseball Club has cancelled its option on Ace Parker, baseball and football star now with the Portsmouth (Va.) Club of the Piedmont League. In professional football, Parker plays for the Brooklyn Dodgers of the National League.

K.B.G.C. WIN AT MING YUEN

Kowloon Bowling Green Club beat Hong Kong Electric Recreation Club by 21 shots in a friendly flood-lit lawn bowls game at Ming Yuen last night.

K.B.G.C.	H.K.E.R.C.
H. Bicknell	A. Edgar
S. C. Walker	A. G. Everett
C. E. Langley	W. E. MacFarlane
L. A. Jordan	A. G. Gardner
(Skip)	(Skip)
A. Bower	L. Sykes
G. W. Biphick	G. W. Crawford
O. E. Turpin	R. C. Butler
E. V. Searle	J. E. Lunny
(Skip)	(Skip)
J. Harst	W. E. Baker
W. M. Wilson	R. W. Smith
G. Thompson	J. K. Sloan
C. Willis	A. F. Paul
(Skip)	(Skip)
Totals	68
	47

CUP BOWLS DRAW

Following is the revised draw for the Goscombe O'Sullivan Cup lawn bowls competition: Police "A" v P.W.D. "C"; Prisons "B" v Medicals "C"; Small Units v P.W.D. "B"; Medicals "C" v Education "B"; Medicals "A" v Police "C"; Prisons "C" v Police "F"; Education "A" v Prisons "A"; Police "B" v P.W.D. "A"; Medicals "B" v Senior Clerical "A"; Police "D" v Post Office.

Following draw byes: Senior Clerical "B" P.W.D. "E"; P.W.D. "D"; Harbour Department, Police "E" and Treasury and Audit.

TO-DAY'S TENNIS

Following is to-day's Tennis League programme: First Division—S.C.A.A. v C.R.C.; H.K.C.C. v H.K.U.T.C.; Third Division—C.D.R. v A.T.C.; C.R.C. (1) v K.T.G.C.A.; H.K.U.T.C. v K.C.C.; S.C.A.A. v K.I.T.C.

Following are the selected teams: C.R.C. (2)—W. T. Lee and Y. C. Lu; K. L. Ho and Y. Y. Lam; O. L. Pang and K. C. Ng.

S.C.A.A.—B. Szeto and K. Liu; K. H. Ip and W. C. Ho; F. N. Wong and Lam Kwan. C.R.C. (1)—C. Wei and H. Chung; H. N. Chau and N. C. Tang; K. N. Lee and K. F. Fung. K.T.G.C.A.—A. H. Basto and S. T. Chan; S. Hsu and L. Chan; D. Kwok and E. Penn. K.I.T.C.—S. A. Hussain and H. M. Singh; S. S. Hussain and S. A. M. Sopher; M. Ramzan and G. M. Khan.



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(BY REUTER'S SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT WITH THE IMPERIAL FORCES IN IRAN: FROM KERMANSHAH TO BAGHDAD BY RUNNER).

Over desert wastes and mountain passes the Imperial columns are forging ahead into Iran at phenomenal speed.

So swift is the advance that war correspondents are having the greatest difficulty in keeping pace and maintaining contact.

THE BRITISH TROOPS HAD AN INSPIRING RECEPTION AT KERMANSHAH. CROWDS LINED THE STREETS FIVE DEEP AND ALTHOUGH NOT DEMONSTRATIVE THEY WERE QUIETLY SYMPATHETIC.

When trucks and lorries of the mile-long British columns stopped they were immediately surrounded by crowds of interested inhabitants who offered fruit and vegetables to the soldiers.

Stocks of wheat are already arriving to refill the granaries which had been emptied on behalf of the Nazis.

I saw truckload after truckload of sacks of wheat rumbling into Kermanshah close in the wake of the British forces.—Reuter.

TURN FOR BETTER

SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL"
The labour situation in Shanghai took a turn for the better yesterday when 1,400 Shanghai and Hongkew Wharf workers returned, ending the fortnight-long dispute.—International News Service.

Doubt About Some French Officers

GENERAL DENTZ, formerly Vichy High Commissioner in Syria, who was held by the British pending the return of Allied prisoners, is to be released, according to the Vichy news agency.

The exchange of French and British prisoners following the events in Syria is practically completed, the agency says.

General Dentz and a certain number of French officers were held as prisoners until a group of British officer prisoners, who had been landed on an Italian island when the plane in which they were being taken to France, had to come down, were returned to the British Army.

General Dentz and General Jennikins and all the French officers will shortly leave Beirut for France, except two generals and a lieutenant-colonel, who will be kept as prisoners until several British officers, who were wounded and are now being treated in French hospitals, are freed.

Free French Officers

Several officials are being held on account of certain Free French officers who were taken prisoner. These officers no longer wish to rejoin the Free French movement. It is thought they may be able to declare on oath at the U.S. Embassy that they took their decision freely so that it may be possible to liberate the French officials.—Reuter.

SOVIET OFFENSIVE CAUTION

(Continued from Page 1)

stances yet to appreciate the situation, the most hopeful aspect of which may truly be, as reports from Stockholm yesterday asserted, that both the Russian and German armies appear to be engaged in a more stationary struggle than at any stage since the Stalin defence line was claimed by the Germans to have been pierced in July.

It is likely that before long some concrete territorial gain or circumstantial account of the progress of the struggle will emerge from either side to elucidate the state of the main German threat — to Leningrad — or the apparent Soviet threat directed by Marshal Timoshenko to both flanks of von Boeh's army holding the German front from Smolensk to the northern boundary of the Pripiet Marshes.

Bobruisk Battle

On the Nazi right flank the Russians are reported to have made a strong thrust along the Rogachev-Bobruisk road, which may be confirmed by the German mention of fighting in Bobruisk itself.

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THE NO. 1 TYPHOON SIGNAL WAS LOWERED AT 7 A.M. TODAY.

Local observations indicate that the typhoon has entered the Gulf of Tongking, moving in a west-north-west direction.

These observations, it is pointed out by the Royal Observatory, have, however, not yet been confirmed.

BRITAIN'S AIR ACES

There are now 15 squadrons in the Fighter Command which have each shot down more than 100 enemy machines since war began.

Three of these have more than 150 victories to their credit while the leading squadron has accounted for 175 German aircraft.

The Command's leading pilot has destroyed 32 of the enemy while four other pilots have individual bags of over 20.—British Wireless.

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THAILAND APPEAL FOR PEACE

WITH THE EUROPEAN WAR ENTERING ITS THIRD YEAR TO-DAY THE THAI GOVERNMENT, YESTERDAY ISSUED A 2,000-WORD APPEAL TO BELIGERENT AS WELL AS NEUTRAL COUNTRIES AND TO RELIGIOUS, EDUCATIONAL AND CHARITABLE INSTITUTIONS THROUGHOUT THE WORLD TO DO ALL THEY CAN TO BRING ABOUT WORLD PEACE.

It is pointed out the appeal is essentially inspired by the religious outlook of Thais, who as Buddhists ardently desire the peace and happiness of the whole world.

"Therefore the smallness of our country's size," adds the appeal, "does not deter us from urging the great powers to work for the immediate restoration of peace." —Reuter.

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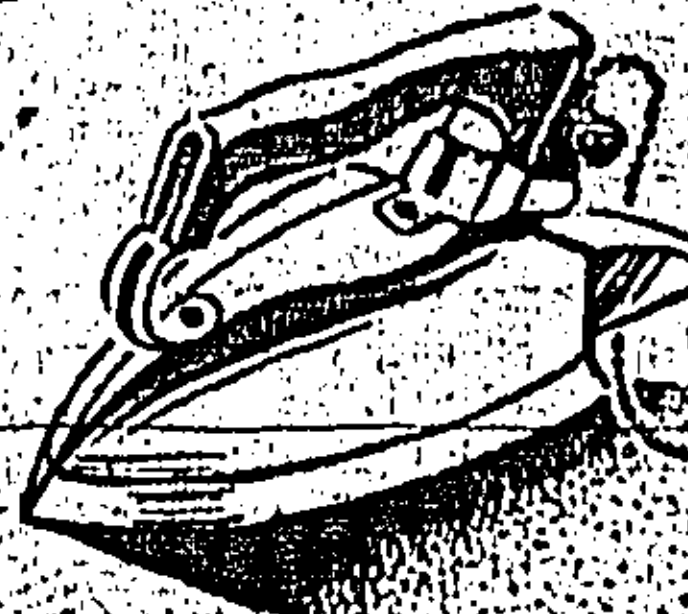
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MIMI LAU'S BANK ACCOUNT Questions At A.R.P. Investigation Contracts For Concrete Blocks

QUESTIONS REGARDING THE BANKING ACCOUNT OF MISS MIMI LAU WERE PUT TO MR. CHAN CHIK-CHI, MANAGING PARTNER IN HONG KONG OF THE CHIAP HUA COMPANY, AT THE RESUMED PUBLIC HEARING TO-DAY OF THE COMMISSION OF INQUIRY INTO MATTERS CONNECTED WITH A.R.P. CONTRACTS.

Mr. Justice Cressall, chairman of the Commission, stated that in the course of six months on a salary of \$200 a month, she had been able to save \$5,000. When he asked Mr. Chan questions concerning this sum, Mr. G. G. N. Tinson, representing Wing-Commander A. H. S. Steele-Perkins, objected on the ground that this had not appeared in evidence.

Earlier, a partner in the firm of Sang Lee, contractors, was questioned regarding various contracts with government and regarding the making of concrete blocks for the A.R.P. Department. He said he could not explain why his firm had received a contract to supply concrete blocks at 49½ cents each when they had been offered by another firm at 38 cents each.

Before the proceedings commenced this morning the Chairman announced that Messrs. Deacons had been instructed to attend all future meetings of the Commissioners in an advisory capacity to the Commissioners.

Mr. H. J. Armstrong appeared for Messrs. Deacons, while Mr. G. G. N. Tinson, who had previously entered an appearance on behalf of Wing-Commander A. H. S. Steele-Perkins, Director of A.R.P. Department, was also present.

The first witness called was Mr. U Yak-kwai, of Messrs. Sang Lee, Contractors. In reply to the Chairman, Mr. U said that his firm was composed of over 40 partners some of whom were in the interior. He could remember only four names of the partners, most of whom belonged to the same clan as himself.

Tung Shan Company

The firm was formed with a capital of \$100,000 half of which had been subscribed. His share in the firm was to the extent of \$7,500.

The Chairman: "Do you know the Tung Shan Company?"

"No."

"Do you know any of the partners?"

"No."

"Have any of them any interest in your company?"

"No."

"Do you know a woman by the name of Yeung Yu-ha?"

"No."

After explaining to Mr. U that the woman was the mother of one of the partners of the Tung Shan Company, the Chairman asked Mr. U whether he was quite sure this woman had no money in his firm (the Sang Lee Company).

Mr. U replied in the negative.

Mr. U admitted that the son of a man named Ma Yu, of the Tung Shan Company, had formerly been employed in the Sang Lee Company.

"Do Not Compete"

The Chairman: "So you say the Tung Shan Company has no

connection with the Sang Lee Company?" — "Yes, absolutely none."

"Are the Tung Shan Company and the Sang Lee Company business rivals?" — "No."

"Competitors?" — "No. Although we are in the same trade we do not compete."

Mr. U, in reply to the Chairman, said that a man named Lam Yet-king worked in the Sang Lee Company some six or seven years ago.

The Chairman: "When he left your firm, he formed the Tung Shan Company?" — "I do not know."

"Do you know that he is the managing director of the Tung Shan Company?" — "I do not know."

Government Contracts

Mr. U said he could not remember when his company received the first contract from Government.

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POSTAL SEIZURES

[SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL"]

IT IS REVEALED IN SHANGHAI THAT THE JAPANESE CENSORS IN THE LOCAL POST OFFICE FOR SOME TIME HAVE BEEN SEIZING AND RETURNING TO THE SENDERS SINGLE COPIES OF MAGAZINES, INCLUDING THE "READER'S DIGEST," MAILED TO SUBSCRIBERS IN CHINA.

Bundles of orders arriving as freight were not interfered with and are on sale at bookstores.

No official reason is given for the seizures but it may be retaliation for the confiscation some months ago of large consignments of Japanese propaganda material by the U.S. Post Office. — International News Service.

WIEDEMANN EXPECTS TO GO TO TIENTSIN

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

Captain Fritz Wiedemann, close friend of Hitler and recently expelled from the United States, where he was Nazi consul-general at San Francisco, yesterday left Berlin to take up the post of consul-general in Tientsin. — International News Service.

"ANOTHER KERENSKY"

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

THE NAZI PRESS YESTERDAY RIDICULED PRESIDENT ROOSEVELT'S LABOUR DAY SPEECH PLEDGING TO DESTROY HITLERISM.

The President is accused of trying to be "another Kerensky" playing with the Bolsheviks and at the same time using them for his own ends. — International News Service.

HEAVY RUSSIAN BLOWS

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

The Red Army High Command last night reported new and successful Russian blows against Nazi panzer divisions.

Intensity of the slaughter is illustrated by the claim that no less than 57 of the best-trained German divisions have been smashed.

Between August 1 and 22 the German lost 12 armoured divisions, 37 infantry divisions and eight motorised divisions, 17 infantry regiments and several Storm Troop divisions.

Air Reinforcement

THE MOSCOW CORRESPONDENT OF THE LONDON "NEWS CHRONICLE" REPORTS THAT STRONG REINFORCEMENTS FOR THE RED AIR FORCE HAVE ARRIVED "GIVING SUBSTANCE TO AMERICAN AND BRITISH PROMISES OF AID."

The correspondent adds: "The quality and types of the material are obviously military secrets and when it makes its bow on the front the Germans are due to get a shock." — International News Service.

ATTACHES KILLED IN AIR CRASH

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

Two of the ten killed in the crash of an R.A.F. ferry plane were Americans, it was revealed in London yesterday.

According to the Air Ministry the plane was flying to England from Canada.

One of those killed was Charles A. Spence, a flight engineer, who was on route to the U.S. Embassy where he was to have been assistant naval attaché.

Another on board the ill-fated aircraft was Count Guy de Baullet, military attaché at the Belgian Embassy in London. This was revealed in Marion (Mass.) yesterday by his wife, who is the daughter of Mr. Charles Dunn, of the U.S. State Department. — International News Service.

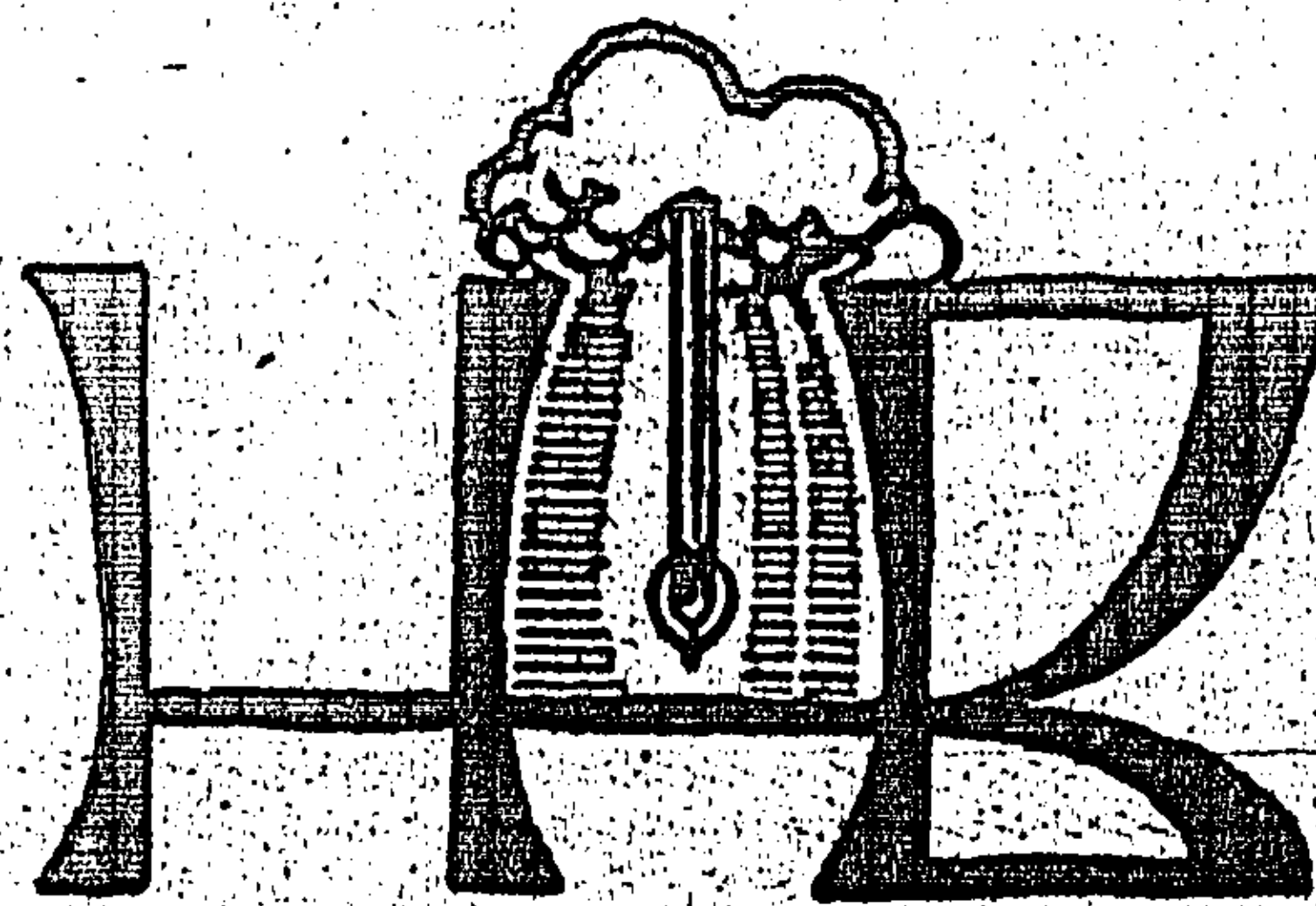
Henri Haye Fever

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

M. Henri Haye, Vichy Ambassador in Washington, yesterday charged that a deliberate campaign is being waged to rupture diplomatic relations between the United States and Vichy.

Denying reports that he and members of his staff were engaged in underground pro-Nazi activities, M. Haye said he would protest to Secretary of State Cordell Hull over the "insulting nature of the stories." — International News Service.

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INITIATIVE IN WAR OF AIR

R.A.F. Hitting Power Doubled

Comparisons After Two Years

(By Reuter's Air Correspondent)

THE ROYAL AIR FORCE NOW HAS THE INITIATIVE IN THE ANGLO-GERMAN AIR DUEL. THE REASONS ARE THREEFOLD AND OF EQUAL WEIGHT.

Eighteen months of strategic bombing of Germany's industrial and military resources and particularly of the Luftwaffe, Europe's pre-war air giant, is the first reason.

The war with Russia which Germany embarked upon in order to ensure her military and economic position from the effect of this massive and carefully-planned air assault, is the second.

Finally, the growth in production of planes and the intake of personnel — both doubled in 12 months — is having its inevitable sequel.

It is probable that American and Russian aid — the one long-expected and yet to reach its full measure, the other unheralded and quickly at its maximum strength — combined to tip neatly the balanced scales in this duel at the opening of the third year of hostilities in the R.A.F.'s favour.

A new air giant has arisen in Europe. It is not yet numerically a match for the Luftwaffe — half of which is fighting on the eastern front and half on the western front and the Mediterranean — but strategically and tactically it is in the supreme position.

The Battle of Britain proved the R.A.F.'s power in defence beyond all dispute. The Luftwaffe lost 2,375 aircraft while 375 R.A.F. fighter pilots were killed. That is now one whole year past.

Battle Of Germany

In the Battle of Germany now being pursued by day as well as night the R.A.F. is preparing the way for the final defeat of tyranny with the sinister relentlessness of the combined force of Scotland Yard sleuths and Federal G-men out to crush the perpetrators of last year's smash and grab assault on the strong-room of freedom.

Naturally losses have increased. Hitherto, however, the cost of holding the almost complete initiative has been relatively small.

What is more, for every five planes the R.A.F. lost over north-west Europe in July and August this year, at least four German defenders bit the dust. The cost of the Luftwaffe of the July-August offensive against Britain last year was four to one in planes. Here are the figures:
1941, R.A.F. LOSSES 513, LUFTWAFFE 420.
1940, LUFTWAFFE LOSSES 1,338, R.A.F. 347.

Certain Latitude

Even allowing for a certain latitude in figures on air losses — a latitude which both sides enjoy — these prove conclusively the technical lead the R.A.F. gained with its eight-gun fighters in 1940 has been maintained with its faster, harder-hitting and higher-flying fighters of to-day rising to the world's fastest pursuit plane, the 400-mile an hour Spitfire, the most powerfully armed type, the Bristol Beau fighter, with its four cannon and six machine-guns, and aircraft with operational ceilings in excess of 35,000 feet.

British bombers, besides proving themselves better defended than those of the Luftwaffe, are now both in remodelling and new types rolling off the assembly lines carrying bomb loads like the Short Stirling up to at least twice the weight of the Wellington's original two tons. As the noted writer on aeronautical matters, Major Oliver Stewart, has written, aircraft speeds have gone up something

like 10 per cent. higher than 40 per cent. and loads and firepower 100 per cent. in two years.

Keeping The Lead

In all these directions the R.A.F. has kept its lead and in the American Boeing probably possesses the best bomber in existence.

From the Air Ministry's review of the R.A.F. after two years of warfare, published yesterday, it is clear the main task of the R.A.F. Bomber Command is to make Germany's western front warmer as her eastern front becomes more bloody.

THE REVIEW ADDS: "THE WAR MAY SEE MANY NEW TASKS FOR THE BOMBER COMMAND" BUT STRATEGICALLY BOMBING BY NIGHT WILL FOR LONG BE ITS MAIN EFFORT.

The force for this purpose is already a great one, it will before long gain overwhelming strength.

Of the work of the Fighter Command, the review states its "immediate aim is to clear the skies of France of German aircraft" just as the skies of Britain were cleared in 1940.

Search And Strike

Meanwhile the R.A.F. Coastal Command has expanded in two years of war almost out of recognition.

Its watchword is "We search and strike."

In two years there has not been one non-flying day in the Coastal Command notwithstanding the foulest weather and the worst Atlantic storms for two generations.

Forty million miles — equivalent to nearly half way to the sun — have been flown on merely operational duties.

The high aims and the achievements of the R.A.F. are rapidly becoming synonymous. — Reuter.

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Vichy Water

TWO NEW REGULATIONS CAME INTO FORCE YESTERDAY, STATED THE VICHY NEWS AGENCY.

Jews will no longer be allowed to own wireless receiving sets. Cafes and restaurants will not be allowed to serve alcoholic drinks to young people under 20. — Reuter.

FERRY PLANE DISASTER

The R.A.F. Ferry Commander in Montreal announced yesterday that the ferry plane previously reported missing crashed on a hillside in the United Kingdom. There were no survivors. — Reuter.

LORD HALIFAX ON U.S.A.

Lord Halifax, speaking at Hull yesterday, said that during his visit to the Pacific Coast of the U.S.A. he must have addressed 70,000 to 100,000 American workmen without hearing one dissident voice.

He had tried to draw for them a picture of how vitally they were concerned in the great struggle and what kind of future there would be for the U.S.A. if by an unhappy hazard Britain had failed at the vital period of her own struggle six months or a year ago.

They appreciated that as well as the British did and they also appreciated there was very little hope for the future of the world unless the U.S. and British Commonwealth of Nations could walk hand in hand and secure its peace and order. Feeling in the U.S., continued Lord Halifax, was moved by admiration of the courage of ordinary men and women in Britain.

The feeling expressed "independently of varying shades of political thought and action."

No Need For Doubt

The British people need have no doubt that the overwhelming majority of American opinion, as expressed by the President from time to time, was heart and soul with them and with those others who were actively engaged in the fight for freedom.

What action America should take as regards coming themselves actively into the war was a matter on which a Democracy must decide for themselves and on which other people had no right to tell them what they should or should not do.

"But as to American sympathy and as to their recognition that the values by which they live and on which their future lives depend are as vitally concerned as our own, you need have no shadow of doubt." — British Wireless.

THEFT OF SET OF MAHJONGG

Charged with stealing a mah-jongg set from Lee Hung on August 14, Leung Lim-kong, 31, was sentenced to two weeks' hard labour by Mr. H. C. Macnamara at Kowloon this morning.

Accused visited Lee at his hut in Shamshuipo on August 14 and, during his absence, took away the set. Lee met accused at Shamshuipo ferry wharf yesterday and had him arrested.

Accused stated that he threw away the set because he could neither sell nor pawn it.

RUSSIAN OFFICIALS IN ALASKA

Five Russian officials have arrived at San Diego, Cal., and are negotiating with the Consolidated Aircraft Corporation for the purchase of giant bombing planes.

Officials of the Corporation admitted that the Russian seaplanes which landed at Nome, Alaska, on Monday, carrying 47 passengers, had been secured from their company through a deal made in 1937.

There is considerable speculation as to the purpose of the visit of the 47 among the Nome population where the planes landed to refuel, and it is thought possible they must be ferrying American planes back to Russia as most of them seem to be all-men.

Another suggestion is that that they are technicians coming to discuss technical problems.

An earlier message said they were all fliers, mechanics and radio operators, led by Mikhail Gromov, veteran Arctic flyer, and that they were all believed to be provided with diplomatic passports. — Reuter.

No Significance

International News quotes official Washington quarters as stating the Soviet mission is to discuss technical matters in connection with American aid to Russia and has no political or diplomatic significance. The personnel of the mission is believed to consist of army officers and engineers.

TOBRUK PATROLS ACTIVE

YESTERDAY'S MIDDLE-EAST COMMUNIQUE SAID THAT DURING THE NIGHT OUR PATROLS FROM TOBRUK WERE ACTIVE.

In addition to inflicting casualties on the enemy in several sectors they captured and occupied an enemy position.

During the morning there were heavy dive-bombing and high level bombing attacks. Despite the weight of the attacks, in which about 100 aircraft were employed, damage and casualties were negligible.

In the frontier area there was considerable enemy shelling. — Reuter.

R.A.F. TOLL OF LUFTWAFFE

No fewer than 4,500 enemy aircraft have been destroyed in two years of war by the R.A.F. Fighter Command and A.A. defences, it was learned in well-informed London circles yesterday.

British losses have been 1,400 fighters but the pilots of over 450 machines were saved. — Reuter.

HOSPITAL INSIDE "THE ROCK"

(By Reuter's Special Correspondent in Gibraltar)

The world's most remarkable hospital is in preparation deep inside the "Rock."

Here I watched to-day British and Canadian tunnellers at work in cool, vast, dimly lit caverns stripped to the waist and to the accompaniment of the ear-splitting clatter of pneumatic drills.

The new hospital, which is named after Lord Gort, Governor of Gibraltar, will accommodate 800 beds in the heart of the Rock, safe from bombs, shells and gas.

It also includes an operating theatre.

The fortress already possesses some completed underground hospitals fully equipped for any emergency, with staffs permanently on duty.

Elsewhere I was shown a convalescent home which is being built in a huge cave high up on the gaunt face of the Rock.

A large brick building, it is so placed as to be practically immune from attack. Here wounded men will be sent to recuperate and, if necessary, to be attended by expert plastic surgeons.

I ALSO INSPECTED THE GREAT UNDERGROUND ORDNANCE MAINTENANCE DEPARTMENT WHERE GUNS OF ALL SIZES CAN BE REPAIRED WITHOUT INTERFERENCE FROM THE ENEMY. — REUTER.

UNITED STATES COOPERATION UNLIMITED

President Roosevelt's Labour Day speech is interpreted in Washington by authoritative circles as an indication of Mr. Churchill's success in enlisting United States unlimited cooperation in the war with Germany.

These circles said the "Atlantic Charter" has now become the United States' highest foreign policy.

President Roosevelt apparently had in mind Britain's war needs rather than United States needs when he demanded the unconditional self-sacrifice of American industrial workers.

It is pointed out by these circles that the fact that two Labour leaders, William Green and Philip Murray, are following the lead set by the White House towards Labour, shows conclusively that regimentation is now reaching every quarter of American life, including Labour. — Reuter.

Berlin "Believes" Battle For Leningrad Has Started

NAZIS MAKE USUAL CLAIMS

WELL-INFORMED BERLIN CIRCLES "BELIEVE THE BATTLE FOR LENINGRAD HAS ALREADY BEGUN," SAYS THE BERLIN CORRESPONDENT OF THE STOCKHOLM "DAGBLADET."

The Nazis claim their troops have already penetrated the "outer defences" of the city at several points, he said, and their advanced troops are "in the vicinity of the city."

The "final assault" may be expected at any moment, he adds. These claims are not mentioned

by the Berlin correspondents of the "Dagens Nyheter" and the Stockholm "Tidningen," who merely report incessant rain hampering the operations and further Russian forces "annihilated" south of Lake Ilmen.

The Germans claim, according to these correspondents, that a great encircling movement is proceeding successfully north of Novgorod.

The Germans admit counter-attacks on the central sector, the correspondents add, but claim they have "not reached their goal," neither have the Russians succeeded in regaining the west bank of the Dnieper despite continued efforts.

Karelian Sector

Swedish correspondents in Finland say the Russians are now holding the Stalin Line across the Karelian Isthmus.

The Finns claim they have captured Sakkola, about 50 miles south-east of Viborg, and reached Taipale, just east of Sakkola.

It is claimed Russian prisoners reported the death of Major-General Seltentsov, commanding the 88th Russian Division.—Reuter.

HOLIDAY ROUSES CRITICS

Thousands of London people who ignored the Government's request to "stay put" in their homes for the August bank holiday, and instead packed trains and other transport services, earned a severe rebuke from the London "Daily Express."

"London," says the newspaper, "which showed the big cities of the world how to take bombs, set the worst holiday example, with trains leaving the city in seven directions. Coal was stoked, into locomotives, while miners gave up their free time to dig, and petrol, bought at the cost of many lives, was burnt on the roads. The next time the Govern-

ment wants the public to 'stay put' on a holiday, it must issue an order, not an appeal." People who packed the railway stations, fought for tickets, and scrambled for trains, were forced to trek sadly back at nightfall, because they had nowhere to stay in the packed seaside towns. Others got lots of fresh air, but little to eat, because the Ministry of Food refused to send extra supplies to the holiday towns. Thousands spent the holiday on the Thames riverside.

MUSSOLINI ASKED TO FILL GAPS

M. Lozovsky, the spokesman, said in Moscow yesterday Hitler had appealed to Mussolini to fill the gaps caused by huge Nazi losses on the eastern front, says Reuter.

HEAVY ATTACK IN BOBRUISK SECTOR

(By "Annalist")

THE FIRST OFFICIAL HINT THAT THE SOVIET HIGH COMMAND IS TAKING THE OFFENSIVE IN SOME SECTORS ON THE EASTERN FRONT MAY BE CONTAINED IN YESTERDAY'S RUSSIAN COMMUNIQUE, WHICH VARIES THE LANGUAGE CONSISTENTLY USED IN THE PAST AND NOW REFERS TO THE SOVIET ARMY "WAGING BATTLES" ALONG THE ENTIRE FRONT.

This formula may purposely be vague to cover both the "stern resistance" which has been the common lot of the Russian army in the past 11 weeks and the "counter-attacks" to which the Russians are loath to commit themselves publicly.

Authoritative quarters in London are still without any direct confirmation of the reported counter-attacks and are able merely to content themselves with such a deduction or to assume that as these reports emanate chiefly from German sources they may be merely an over-subtle form of Nazi propaganda designed to provide excuses to the German people for the lack of any recent German advance.

Rather naturally the German High Command does not subscribe to these stories but contents itself with the assertion that operations are proceeding according to plan—a claim which can hardly be reconciled with the vigorous counter-action by its enemy.

Hopeful Aspect

It is difficult under the circumstances yet to appreciate the situation, the most hopeful aspect of which may truly be, as reports from Stockholm yesterday asserted, that both the Russian and German armies appear to be engaged in a more stationary struggle than at any stage since the Stalin defence line was claimed by the Germans to have been pierced in July.

It is likely that before long some concrete territorial gain or circumstantial account of the progress of the struggle will emerge from either side to elucidate the state of the main German threat—to Leningrad—or the apparent Soviet threat directed by Marshal Timoshenko to both flanks of von Boche's army, holding the German front from Smolensk to the northern boundary of the Pripiet Marshes.

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BOLD RAIDS BY GUERILLAS IN BESSARABIA

THE SUCCESSES of Soviet guerilla detachments operating in the Bessarabian district, now occupied by the German and Rumanian armies, are described in a supplement to the Soviet midday communique yesterday.

"By bold raids, blowing up the enemy's installations, guerillas are systematically sapping the forces of the enemy and destroying his ammunition and supplies," it says.

"During August guerillas destroyed 14 enemy tanks and armoured cars, 32 lorries with ammunition, 44 wagons with supplies and over 40 petrol dumps.

During the past three days bombers of the Black Sea air arm carried out several raids on ports and enemy troops.

"In the Smolensk direction our troops crushed an infantry regiment of the 161st Division. Only eight to ten men remained in the regiment's companies."

"Direct hits put one enemy vessel out of action and our pilots also destroyed over 50 armoured cars and many automatic weapons," adds the supplement.

Prisoner's Statement

The supplementary communique attributes to a German officer, Ludwig Robert, who was taken prisoner, the statement that as a result of losses on the eastern front the German High Command had been obliged to recall German garrisons from occupied countries, including France, Belgium and Holland.

Some of them were reservists, originally replacing regular soldiers, and these in turn are now replaced by wounded men.—Reuter.

SHIP LEFT IN FLAMES

British bombers escorted by fighters yesterday morning made a low level

FINLAND WILL FIGHT ON

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

Finland has issued a denial of reports that her troops will cease the advance when the lost territory has been fully recovered.


"Finland will not give up the battle," it was stated, "until the menace from the east is totally eliminated."

Six Leftist members of the Finnish Parliament have been arrested on a charge of high treason, it was announced in Helsinki.—International News Service.

attack on an enemy supply ship off Dunkirk.

The vessel, which was protected by six A.A. ships, as well as flyingboats, was hit twice and left enveloped in flames.

Two Messerschmitts were destroyed by British fighters. One Blenheim is missing, says an Air Ministry communique.—Reuter.



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PUBLIC ENEMIES ARE FIRST HITLER, THEN COMPLACENCY

MR. BRENDAN BRACKEN, BRITAIN'S DYNAMIC NEW MINISTER OF INFORMATION, SPEAKING IN LONDON YESTERDAY, SAID BRITAIN IS ENTERING THE THIRD YEAR OF "THIS BRUTAL WAR TO-MORROW" AND AFTER POSING THE QUESTION "HOW DO WE STAND?" PROCEEDED TO MAKE A BRIEF COMMENT IN ANSWERING THE QUESTION HIMSELF.

Britain's public enemies, he said, were, first Hitler and second complacency, "and we are a long way from the extinction of either of these foes," he declared.

Mr. Bracken was speaking to journalists and their guests at a luncheon of the Foreign Press Association in London.

He said that the ferocious hatred of journalists by the dictators was based on the fear of despots who, knowing that if their ill-gotten gains, their lust for blood, their crazy dreams of world power, had been laid before their people in full manner, the gangster reign over Europe would be very brief.

A FREE PRESS WAS THE MOST WATCHFUL SENTRY OF THE STATE, HE SAID, WHILE A "YES" PRESS WAS FATAL TO GOOD GOVERNMENT.

Much Remains

Britain was in a much healthier condition than it was two years ago, he said. Britain had made progress but much remained to be done.

THE ARMED FORCES HAD BEEN GIVEN AND HAD SOLVED, THREE TASKS WHICH APPEARED IMPOSIBLE.

To the question "What shall we do to win this war?" the Minister said: "Look to your factories, your mines, your shipyards and your farms."

"This latest German war is really a smash and grab raid on civilisation."

Mr. Bracken said he had noticed some people in England were beginning to scold America, and added: "These superior people would be much better occupied in understanding America's difficulties."

Storming Seas

Turning to the war in the east and to the subject of invasion, the Minister said that if Germany lost 3,000,000 men in Russia she would continue to fight.

Those who talked about the invasion scare being over might get some nasty surprises, he said.

"WE SHALL BEAT HIM AFTER A LONG AND GRIM EFFORT. WE ARE STILL IN STORMY SEAS AND PORT IS FAR FROM SIGHT."

Concerning the position of reconstruction, Mr. Bracken said: "We should not repair the ravages of war by the mad methods which were so popular during the last 20 years—burning crops, cutting down production, destroying shipyards."

"Science, allied to industry, could create limitless wealth and that is why the world will grow richer, not poorer."

Futile Boasts

Only a month ago Herr Hitler had boasted that he had won the

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Battle of the Atlantic. That boast was just as futile as Dr. Goebbels' promise that no bombs would fall Berlin.

The Battle of the Atlantic is in Britain's favour," added Mr. Bracken.

"Our shipping losses have dropped sharply compared with the early Spring of this year. At that time the Germans probably had three times as many U-boats as they had at the beginning of the war."

Mr. Bracken said that more and more escorts would be needed for British convoys but the ultimate test of the Navy would be its help in maintaining Britain's seaborne trade.

British imports were satisfactory and life in Britain was normal.—Reuter.

THAILAND APPEAL FOR PEACE

WITH THE EUROPEAN WAR ENTERING ITS THIRD YEAR TO-DAY THE THAI GOVERNMENT YESTERDAY ISSUED A 2,000-WORD APPEAL TO BELIGERENT AS WELL AS NEUTRAL COUNTRIES AND TO RELIGIOUS, EDUCATIONAL AND CHARITABLE INSTITUTIONS THROUGHOUT THE WORLD TO DO ALL THEY CAN TO BRING ABOUT WORLD PEACE.

It is pointed out the appeal is essentially inspired by the religious outlook of Thais, who as Buddhists ardently desire the peace and happiness of the whole world.

"Therefore the smallness of our country's size," adds the appeal, "does not deter us from urging the great powers to work for the immediate restoration of peace."—Reuter.

TYPHOON SIGNAL LOWERED

THE NO. 1 TYPHOON SIGNAL WAS LOWERED AT 7 A.M. TO-DAY.

Local observations indicate that the typhoon has entered the Gulf of Tongking, moving in a west-north-west direction.

These observations, it is pointed out by the Royal Observatory, have, however, not yet been confirmed.

QUISLINGS SHOW IMPROVEMENT

The condition of both Pierre Laval and Marcel Deat continues to show considerable improvement, stated the Vichy news agency last evening.—Reuter.

AIRCRAFT REACHING SOVIET

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

Strong reinforcements of 'planes for the Soviets have already arrived in Russia, according to the "News Chronicle" yesterday—International News Service.

Premier Takes Control

It was officially announced in Bangkok yesterday that the Premier, Field-Marshal Luang Pibul Songgram, who is also Commander-in-Chief of the Thai Army, has been appointed special Commander-in-Chief of the Thai Navy and Air Force.

Already there are separate commanders-in-chief of the Navy and Air Force.

The announcement is generally considered another important step in Thailand's preparedness to meet all eventualities in the present critical situation in the Far East.

It will be recalled that the Premier recently lightened his own burden of departmental duties by relinquishing three portfolios—Defence, Foreign Affairs and Interior.

Meanwhile Bangkok is going ahead with A.R.P. and air raid shelters are under construction in many open sites in the centre of the city and parks on the city's outskirts.—Reuter.

200,000 MEN GO BACK TO INDUSTRY

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

The National Draft Headquarters in Washington yesterday appealed to the nation's employers to furnish jobs for over 200,000 draftees and reservists returning to civil life in the next four months.

Selective Service Director Hershey appealed to the patriotism of employers in again hiring draftees.—International News Service.

VICHY SENTENCES

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

A special court in Paris yesterday sentenced nine men and two women to terms ranging from two to 10 years for "Communist activities."—International News Service.

MUTT AND JEFF



WIDESPREAD ATTACKS BY R.A.F. IN MIDDLE EAST

LABOUR'S PLACE IN THE PEACE

"THE ROBUSTLY VOICED TRADE UNION WILL TO CONQUER AND FAITH IN VICTORY," AND THE "ADMIRABLE STATEMENT OF MIND OF BRITISH LABOUR," ARE TYPICAL OF THE PHRASES USED IN THE PRESS YESTERDAY IN REGARD TO MR. GEORGE GIBSON'S PRESIDENTIAL ADDRESS AT THE TRADES UNION CONGRESS ANNUAL MEETING AT EDINBURGH.

Mr. Gibson's welcome to the Russian and T.U.C. proposal for an exchange of visits between British and Russian trade union leaders are chosen by the "Manchester Guardian" as of special importance.

"Creation of such a joint body may be of great future political importance. Its basis is that of non-interference with each country's internal affairs but it may well be a bridge towards the rebuilding of international trade unionism, for already something

WIDESPREAD AND successful operations in the Middle East were again announced in last night's R.A.F. Middle East Communique, which stated:

"Libya - heavy bomber aircraft of the Royal Air Force carried out another raid on the harbour and shipping at Tripoli during the night of August 31/September 1. A merchant vessel was hit and believed sunk while another ship was left ablaze from stem to stern.

Our aircraft also machine-gunned a road and railway west of Tripoli and aerodrome buildings at Mellaha. A number of fires broke out near the railway station.

Other bombers of the R.A.F. and S.A.A.F. attacked shipping in Benghazi harbour which was again raided by heavy bombers later in the night. Part of the attacking formation flew through

is being done to bind together the exiled trade unions of the conquered countries.

"Although the immediate purpose is war it is not too early to look ahead to the place organised Labour may hold in the peace."—British Wireless.

the harbour defences at a low level and bombs were observed to fall close to shipping.

The landing ground at Ras el Tin, the harbour at Bardia and store dumps at Gambut were bombed by aircraft of the Fleet Air Arm taking part in these operations.

Italy and Sicily—aircraft of the Fleet Air Arm bombed and machine-gunned aircraft on the ground at Ghorbini and Comiso during the night of August 31/September 1. Fires visible many miles from the target were started among aircraft at Comiso.

On Monday fighter and bomber aircraft of the R.A.F. attacked Pozzallo and Crotona.

Train Attacked

At Pozzallo, our fighters machine-gunned a train whose engine was last seen emitting volumes of flames and steam.

At Crotona, shipping, munition factories and the railway were bombed. Direct hits on three buildings caused violent explosions, sheet of yellow flame and clouds of blue-black smoke.

A merchantman was hit by three bombs and developed a fire towards the stern. Quays and a seaplane flying in the vicinity were also attacked.

From these operations two of our aircraft are missing."—British Wireless.

THREAT TO BURMA ROAD

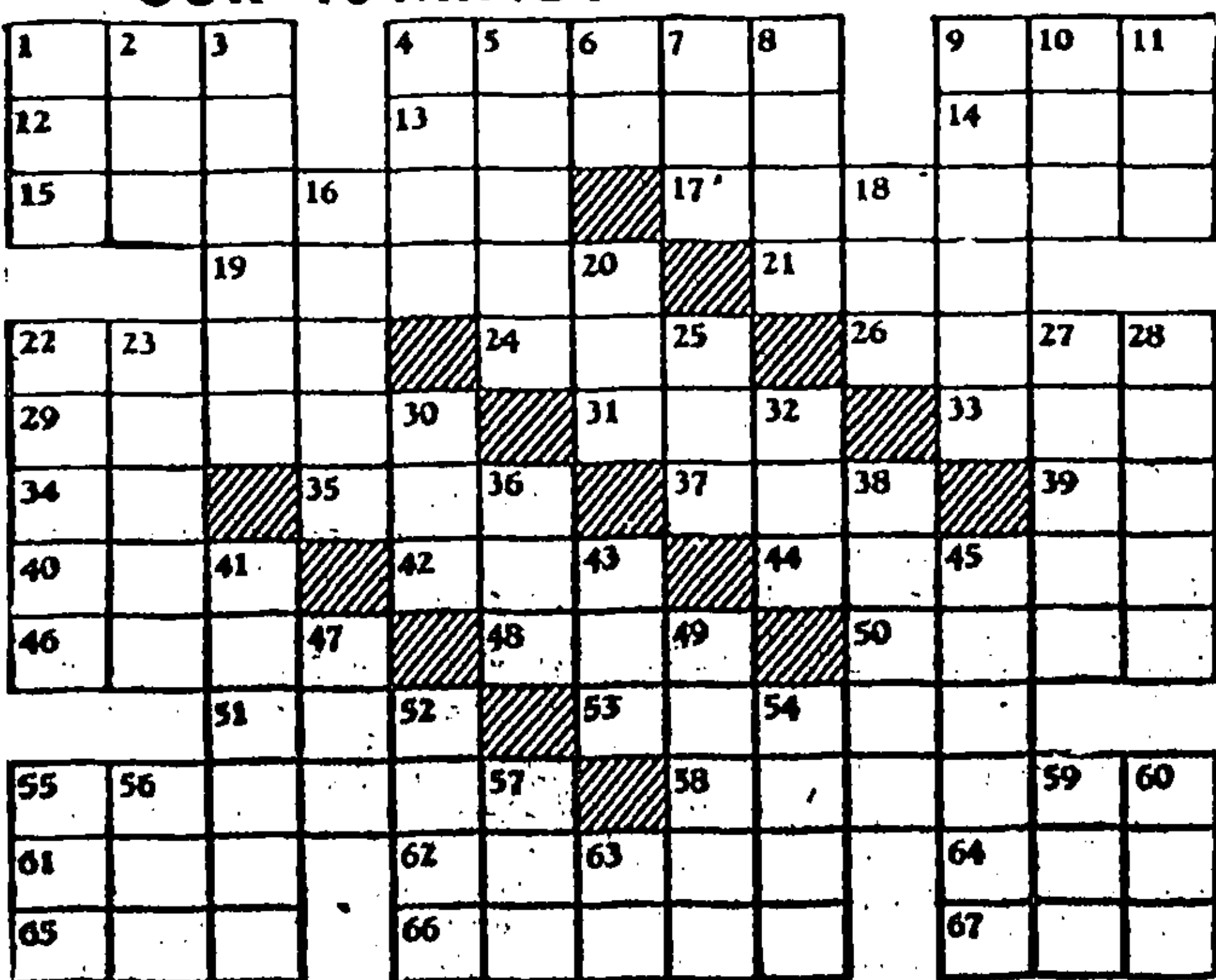
"IT IS NOT SO MUCH A POTENTIAL THREAT TO THAILAND THAT THE CHINESE ARE CONCERNED WITH AS WITH THE POSSIBILITY OF A JAPANESE MOVE THROUGH YUNNAN TO CUT OFF CHINA'S VITAL SUPPLIES ALONG THE BURMA ROAD," DECLARED MR. WILLIAM DENIS ALLEN, FORMERLY SECOND SECRETARY OF THE BRITISH EMBASSY IN CHUNGKING UPON HIS ARRIVAL IN SINGAPORE YESTERDAY TO ACT AS ASSISTANT TO MR. DUFF COOPER, WHO IS EXPECTED IN A DAY OR TWO.

Mr. Allen added that it was most important that China should keep open the Burma Road and she and Britain should work in close collaboration to achieve that object.

"China is prepared to prosecute the war with Japan indefinitely and there is no possibility of a negotiated peace," declared Mr. Allen.

Discussing Malaya, Mr. Allen said that Japan, if she does think of attacking Malaya, will have her hands full. —Central News.

OUR 10-MINUTE CROSS-WORD



HORIZONTAL

- 1 Prohibition
- 4 Thong
- 8 Fold
- 12 Bustling about
- 13 Sarcasm
- 14 Inlet
- 15 To bargain
- 17 Platitude
- 19 Old English coin
- 21 Worm
- 22 Great Lake
- 24 To immerse
- 26 Auroral
- 29 Currency
- 31 Title of respect
- 33 Born
- 34 European fish
- 35 Lair
- 37 Fuel
- 39 Earth goddess
- 40 Mineral
- 42 To incline
- 44 Damp
- 46 To break suddenly
- 48 Dance step
- 50 Planet
- 51 To knock
- 53 Tree of pine family
- 55 Rodent

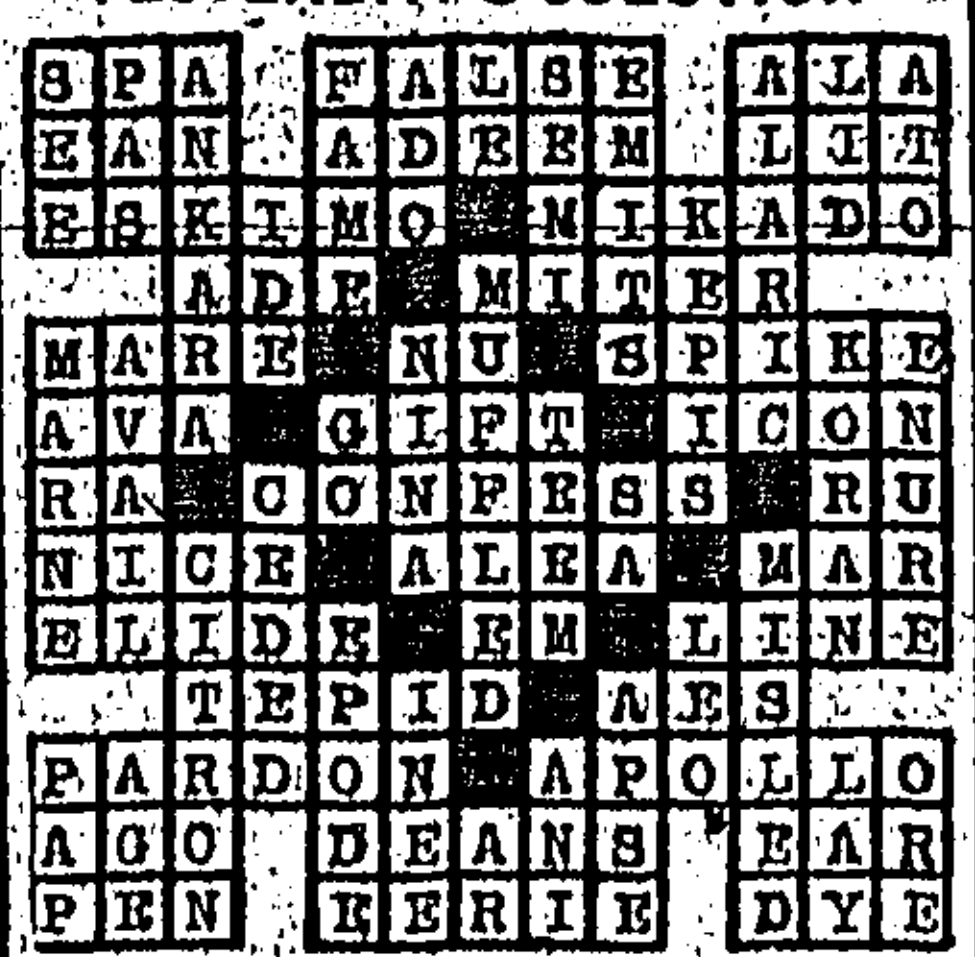
VERTICAL

- 1 Exclamation of contempt
- 2 Girl's name
- 3 Small cup
- 4 Storage pit
- 5 To set foot
- 6 Artificial language
- 7 Emmet
- 8 Burning pile

9 Place of confinement

- 10 The lily (Her.)
- 11 Sweet potato
- 16 Avarice
- 18 To employ
- 20 Poetic: it is
- 22 Gives forth
- 23 French sculptor
- 25 Swine
- 27 Teutonic deity
- 28 Requirement
- 30 Still
- 32 College cheer
- 36 To bite
- 38 Poisonous shrub
- 41 Biased
- 43 Moccasin
- 45 European swallow
- 47 Knave of clubs
- 49 Numeral
- 52 Seed containers
- 54 Dreadful
- 55 Chart
- 57 Fruit drink
- 58 Digit
- 59 Man's name
- 60 Convened
- 63 Six

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Australian Fighter Squadron In Action

THE FIRST AUSTRALIAN fighter squadron to be formed in Britain shot down more German fighters over Northern France last month than any other squadron in the Fighter Command. The squadron shot down another two ME109s yesterday without loss to themselves.

During August this squadron destroyed 18 ME109's out of the month's total of 124. Up to the beginning of the month the squadron had destroyed only two enemy aircraft and had been fully operational for only a few weeks.

NAZIS FACE THE MUSIC

opens the German press appears to be preparing the nation to swallow some hard facts. No longer is the war a "blitzkrieg," it is a "battle of life and death."

Damning admissions are becoming frequent, and the widely read "Frankfurter Zeitung," for instance, states: "Every German should have known at the beginning of the war that this meant a battle for life and death and that it would not be an easy task to beat England."

"WE FIGHT NOT ONLY THE BRITISH ARMIES BUT ALSO BRITISH PROPAGANDA, WHICH HAS SUCCEEDED IN CREATING A DEVILISH HATRED AGAINST NATIONAL SOCIALISM AND ITS REPRESENTATIVES."

"We do not deny this fact as obviously the majority of the British and American people, including leading members of the Church, approve the support given to Stalin in his fight against Hitler."

The "Muenchner Neueste Nachrichten," taking part in the campaign to convince the German people that war was unavoidable—a striking admission of doubt—states: "Hitler assured England he did not wish to continue the war if England would agree to Germany's right to form her own living space. England's refusal has forced us now to fight for life or death."

Considerable Time

"We must keep aware of the fact that many battles and considerable time will be necessary before the complete destruction of giant Russia is possible."

The influential "Kölnische Zeitung" warns its readers: "The German people must not indulge in dangerous hopes. The war in the west is fundamentally different to the war in the east."

"The Red Army has offered resistance which is still surprisingly tough and tenacious. The battles of Minsk, Smolensk and Gomel are surely of historical importance, as announced by the High Command, but this does not mean the complete destruction of the Red Army."—British Wireless.

PIRACY OF JUNK

An armed piracy in Chinese waters was reported to the police last night by Chan Chai, master of boat No. 8056A, who stated that on Sunday last, while sailing south of Sam Mun Custom House, he met a robbers' junk.

Eight robbers, armed with rifles and revolvers, boarded and sailed the boat away to a bay in Chinese waters where they transferred all the cargo, valued at \$750.

An Irish flight lieutenant, who is the only non-Australian in the squadron, accounted for no fewer than nine enemy fighters in August—half his squadron's.

Most successful day was August 16, when pilots shot down seven ME109s without loss to themselves.

Led by the Irish flight lieutenant they were returning from an evening operation in which they had escorted Blenheim bombers to their target when they were dived on by eight ME109's. Any initial advantage which the Germans might have had was lost as the Australians whipped round to meet them.

A fierce dog fight followed from high over the Channel down to sea level and in the end only two Messerschmitts were left to return home.

Two were shot down by the Irish pilot, who had accounted for another earlier in the day when he led a flight of Spitfires over the French coast.

On another day the squadron accounted for five of the enemy in a single fight.

Over 100 Messerschmitts were encountered by the squadron on another offensive but the Australians fought their way through and returned with only a few bullet holes, leaving three Messerschmitts destroyed on the French side of the Channel.

The Australians' excellent record for a single month's fighting over enemy territory was achieved for the loss of five of their pilots.

The squadron's success yesterday was achieved when they escorted Blenheims on a fighter-bomber attack on an escorted German supply ship near Dunkirk.

No enemy aircraft appeared to intercept the R.A.F. machines and successful bomb hits were reported by the R.A.F. pilots in the face of heavy flak from escort ships and shore batteries.

Pilots of a Hurricane fighter squadron, also taking part dived and set one of the escorting flak ships on fire.

"Very Inexperienced"

Other Hurricanes silenced the guns on another flak ship.

On the return journey two ME109's were seen protecting E-boats. The Hurricane squadrons set one of the E-boats on fire and two R.A.F. pilots were attacked by Messerschmitts.

A Free French pilot made a faint attack on the Germans who made off.

Immediately afterwards two Messerschmitts, probably the same ones, tried to attack a section of the Australian squadron. The Australian pilots' reports say: "Both were shot down into the sea. The enemy pilots are thought to have been very inexperienced."—British Wireless.

CHINESE SOLDIER INTERNEE ESCAPES

A Chinese soldier made a successful escape from Argyle Street Internment Camp early Monday morning. It was disclosed this morning.

The soldier, Fong Chung-choi, 24, was reported to have made his escape by climbing over the barbed wire fence surrounding the Camp at 4.55 a.m. on Monday.

TURN FOR BETTER

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL") The labour situation in Shanghai took a turn for the better yesterday when 1,400 Shanghai and Hongkew Wharf workers returned, ending the fortnight-long dispute.—International News Service.

IRAN REPLY TO PEACE TERMS

The Iranian Government has handed to the representatives of Britain and Russia its reply to the armistice proposals, says a Teheran despatch to the Vichy news agency.

Details of the reply will be published shortly.—Reuter.

Amazing Scene In Uruguay

REPORTS REACHING LONDON FROM MONTEVIDEO OF WHAT THE LEADING OPPOSITION PAPER "DIA" DESCRIBES AS UNPRECEDENTED SCENES OF PRO-BRITISH ENTHUSIASM WHICH TOOK PLACE ON THE DEPARTURE OF THE BRITISH MINISTER, HAVE CAUSED GREAT INTEREST AND SATISFACTION IN LONDON.

Mr. Millington-Drake, after being escorted through the town by a torchlight procession containing representatives of all pro-Democratic and sporting associations, was seen off by a crowd of some 60,000 people.

Portraits of Churchill, Roosevelt and Stalin were carried by the cheering crowd.

These scenes, says the paper "DIA," afford "yet another proof of the complete spiritual unity of Britain and Uruguay magnificently reassuring the certainty of victory for the cause of justice."

Mr. Millington-Drake has been British Minister at Montevideo since 1934 and is succeeded by Mr. R. C. S. Stevenson.—British Wireless.

BRITISH COLUMN WELCOMED

(BY REUTER'S SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT WITH THE IMPERIAL FORCES IN IRAN: FROM KERMANSHAH TO BAGHDAD BY RUNNER).

Over desert wastes and mountain passes the Imperial columns are forging ahead into Iran at phenomenal speed.

So swift is the advance, that war correspondents are having the greatest difficulty in keeping pace and maintaining contact.

THE BRITISH TROOPS HAD AN INSPIRING RECEPTION AT KERMANSHAH. CROWDS LINED THE STREETS FIVE DEEP AND ALTHOUGH NOT DEMONSTRATIVE THEY WERE QUIETLY SYMPATHETIC.

When trucks and lorries of the mile-long British columns stopped they were immediately surrounded by crowds of interested inhabitants who offered fruit and vegetables to the soldiers.

Stocks of wheat are already arriving to refill the granaries which had been emptied on behalf of the Nazis.

I saw truckloads after truckloads of sacks of wheat rumbling into Kermanshah close in the wake of the British forces.—Reuter.

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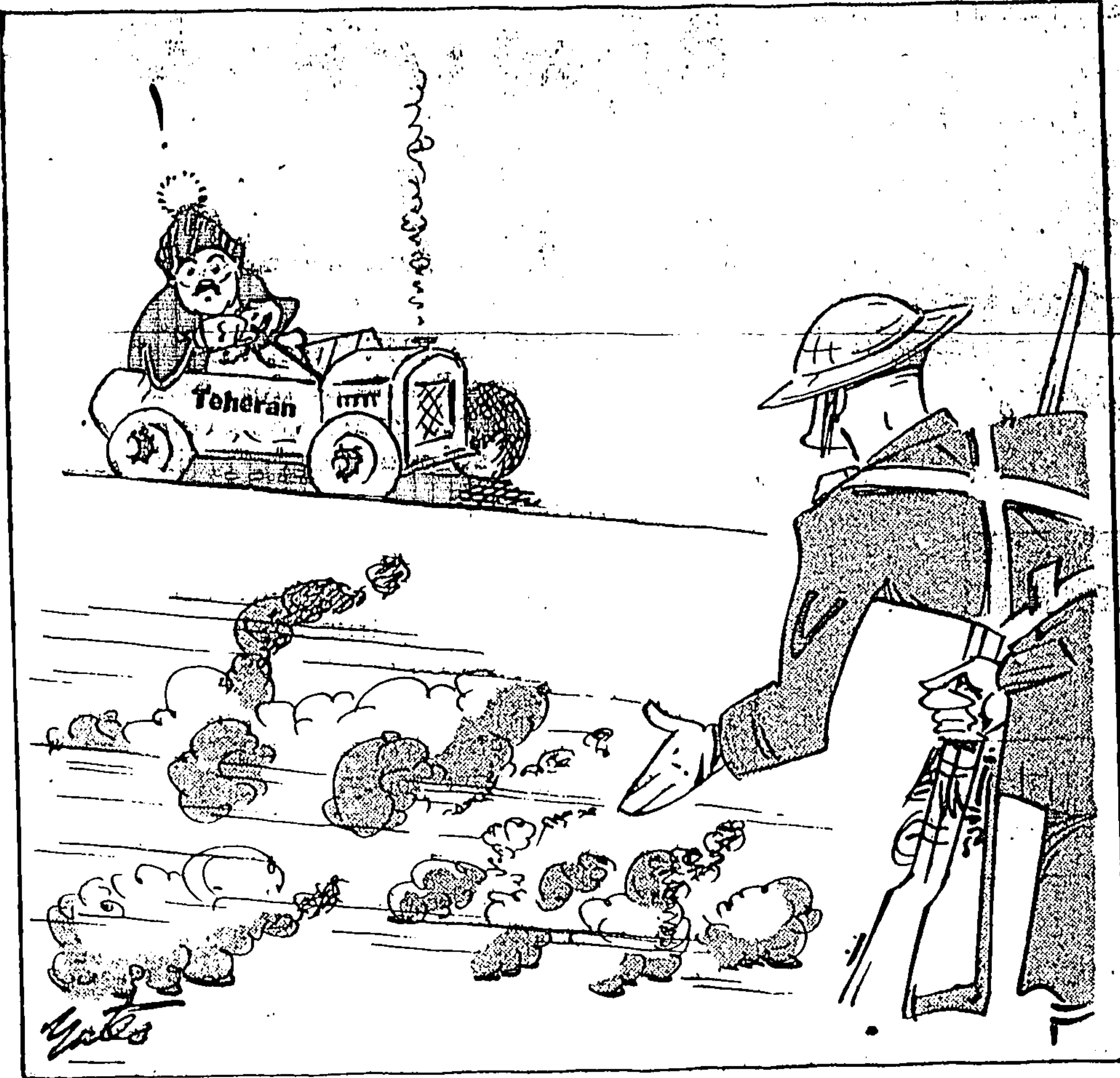
WINDSOR HOUSE

ANOTHER YEAR

In accordance with the wishes of His Majesty the King, next Sunday, as the first to fellow to-day's anniversary of the outbreak of war, is to be observed as a Day of National Prayer and Thanksgiving. It is fitting that this should be so for if the task that lies ahead is likely to be long and arduous, calling for every capacity of endurance, in perils and pitfalls that have been surmounted there is much to be thankful for.

We enter upon the third year of the war in a far more comfortable position than the most optimistic observer could have predicted in September, 1940. The Battle of Britain had not then reached its pinnacle of ferocity. By the end of October the R.A.F. had triumphantly conquered. Hitler's New Year boast that "1941 will bring consummation of the greatest victory in our history" sounds to-day like the prattling of a paranoic. He has had his further victories in battle. The Libyan Desert has been recovered, Greece and Yugoslavia have been overrun, Crete came to shock the British people once more to the painful slowness of the democratic method in mobilising its effort. Despite these heavy setbacks, Britain's position in the Middle East has been enormously strengthened in the last twelve months. Two great Italian armies have disintegrated, dangerous developments in Iraq, Syria and Iran have been swiftly dealt with and converted to our enormous advantage. The crucial turning-point came when Hitler swung away from the doubtful prospect of a successful invasion of the British Isles to launch a vicious assault upon Soviet Russia. In the ten weeks since, the Red Army has inflicted tremendous losses upon the Hitler war machine, and the speed with which Mr. Churchill pronounced Britain's active support of Russia, and with which the United States and all the allies engaged in the war against the Nazi tyranny endorsed that bold realistic decision, has brought for Hitler a dark and heavy prospect which nothing can hide.

It would be interesting to know the thoughts hidden in the mind of "that bad man" as he looks back and forward at the door of another year. If he revels in his military achievements, he must be aware that force alone maintains the precarious



THE BLITZ BOYS — THAT WERE!

The Welsh Stand Fast

"WELL, that's the end of Ben Evans's." The speaker was a Welsh woman in the centre of a small crowd looking at the ruins of what had been one of the best-known stores in Swansea. "Yes, indeed it's bad," said another. "Twas there I had my first shop-made dress as a little girl. What a pity! But never mind. Let us be thankful it wasn't something more important."

This feeling of thankfulness that things are not quite as bad as they might be was prevalent among the Swansea population as it strolled idly through the debris-strewn streets, commenting on the havoc wrought. The middle of this town has been turned into a desert, with charred walls standing amid the wreckage of what once had been prosperous business houses, shops, offices, homes, and schools. Swansea's market, a favourite landmark to earlier generations, was the centre of this devastation.

Cardiff is a finer city than Swansea, but Swansea is nearer to the heart of the Welsh-speaking Welshman. Cardiff is cosmopolitan—"not really Welsh, somehow"—and unless spoken by "people from the valleys" little

Welsh is heard on its streets. Hence, when the Germans destroyed the centre of Swansea they struck at a memorable place in Welsh life. Great as was the damage, it has not diminished the determination of the local people to carry on.

As at Swansea, so at Cardiff, the raids have not seriously affected the general life of the people. "Lumme, we won't get any grub there to-day," was the only comment from a group which recently studied the destruction of the popular Carlton Cafe in Queen Street. Nor have these raids greatly diminished the contribution of South Wales to

Miners' Federation. Discussion quickly turned to the war issue, and it soon became apparent that they were uncertain, not about the justification for the war, but whether when the conflict ends the promises of social readjustments will be honoured.

National life in Wales is not as sharply divided into planes of social status as in England, so the opinion of the common people plays a greater role in the formation of national sentiment. Nor do the Welsh people suffer from lack of expression. Their viewpoint is easily obtained. As Celts their emotional nature allows them to wander to heights and depths generally avoided by the Anglo-Saxon.

Call it immature judgment if you will, but to both the imperially minded Welshmen, and those less ready to compromise, there appeared to be more expediency than morality in the British official attitude which led to war. A well-known young Welshman told me in North Wales recently that "Appeasement was so purely English, so contrary to Welsh tradition, that it made us despair."

There is a divergence of outlook in Wales. However, that is unknown in England, there being three different types of people; those who are Welsh in sentiment and language, those who are Welsh in sentiment but English in language, and those who are English in sentiment and language.

Many evacuee children have been sent to Wales from London and other bombed areas in England. Where they have been evacuated under Government schemes the schools continue with their curricula as before. Unofficially, evacuees accommodate themselves to local conditions, and in many areas the Welsh language, is either the language of instruction or a subject in the syllabus. Some of the newcomers quickly learn the Welsh language and take part in the children's elsteddod (music festivals). Evacuees are now important additions to almost every good-sized Welsh community, and the effects are proving beneficial to both visitors and hosts.

Apart from Cardiff and Swansea, few parts of Wales have been damaged by air raids. But come what may, Wales's determination is as resolute as England's that this struggle against barbarous tyranny shall not end until victory has been won. For whatever the differences between England and Wales (and they are greater than many people imagine them to be) they fade into insignificance for the average Welshman when Britain and human values are at stake.

By J. Emlyn Williams

the national emergency. War production still continues at full pressure, smoke pours forth from factory chimneys, stores are full of customers; and on the hear-by waters of the Bristol Channel ships small and big still wend their way to ports in Devon or to the end of the earth.

It is no exaggeration to say that neither physical danger nor physical damage is the most serious preoccupation of South Wales to-day. These conditions are taken as the expected accompaniment of modern totalitarian warfare. Of greater concern has been the unemployment of coal miners when there has been a great outcry for coal. Unemployment with apparently little justification except lack of co-ordination among Government departments and the business enterprises concerned has brought more exasperation than Nazi bombs.

Apart from the question of air bombardment in Wales, there is also that question of the attitude of Welshmen toward war in general. In the main this attitude differs little from the Englishman's. Differences in outlook on this or that aspect of the war exist among the inhabitants of Cardiff, or Carnarvon, or Llanfair, as they do among the people of London, or Newcastle, or Chipping Norton. Regarding the war issue itself, similar uncertain sentiments all the thoughts of some works in Wales, as in England, or in Scotland, and the same kind of extremists exist in all these places.

In a Cardiff cafe the writer recently met some old acquaintances, members of the South Wales

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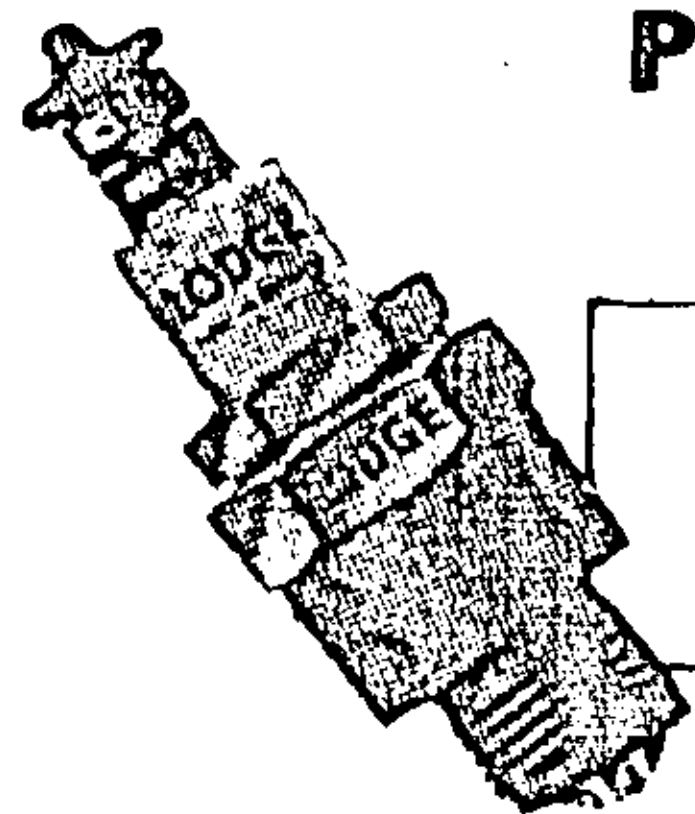
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Navy's Profit And Loss Account

REVIEWING THE "profit and loss account" of the Navy during two years of the Battle of the Atlantic, a naval officer in London yesterday declared there has been a very big improvement recently in losses from submarines but still more escorts were needed.

The ultimate success of the Navy in defending Britain's sea communications was the Navy's ability to maintain our seaborne trade, and judged by this the past two years could be counted as a success.

Our imports were satisfactory, he said, and life in Britain went on fairly normally. This was the keystone of Imperial policy.

The work of the Navy in this respect was not spectacular but it went on steadily and at the same time the blockade, the Navy's offensive weapon, was constantly maintained.

The slow but steady pressure exercised by the Navy, bringing up all our needs to carry out our plans and denying the enemy his, would be found on future analysis to be the cause underlying all others of Britain's ultimate victory.

Sea communications had been threatened by five forms of attack—submarines, surface warships, armed merchant raiders, mining and air attack.

Big Advantage

The Germans had started with a big advantage in regard to submarines because, having determined at the outset to adopt unrestricted submarine warfare, many of their underwater craft were already in position, whereas even had we anticipated this it was not possible to operate our most effective defensive measure, the convoy system, until actually the outbreak of hostilities.

Thus, during the first two months of the war our losses from submarines were very high—something like 150,000 tons, but after that, during the winter of 1939/40, they progressively declined.

When France collapsed, however, and from improved bases the Germans were able to bring heavier attacks upon our ocean routes, the position deteriorated.

The situation was further aggravated by British losses of valuable escort craft in the Norwegian operations and the French evacuation, which left some of our convoys very sparsely protected.

Turn Of Year

Result was that in the month of July, 1940, shipping losses were about six times that of the average for the previous Spring and Winter.

It was not until the end of last year and the beginning of this that we were able to put round our convoys escorts of a size we considered desirable, and a marked reduction of losses was achieved.

But in the early Spring of this year, March, April, May and June, submarine losses soared again.

This was mainly due to the fact that the German submarine building programme had by then begun to materialise.

Recent Improvement

However, British shipbuilding was also bearing fruit and various other measures which cannot be mentioned had been brought into play, and the result was that recently there had been this big improvement.

One factor, which still could not be controlled was the mobility of German submarines and the inability to anticipate where they would go next after they had been driven out of any particular area.

IT WAS FOR THIS REASON THAT MORE AND STILL MORE ESCORT VESSELS WERE NEEDED—IF TROUBLE DEVELOPED IN THE FAR EAST THEN EVEN MORE WOULD BE REQUIRED.

Keeping down submarine shipping losses was therefore a matter not only for the remarkably gallant performance of the Navy and Merchant Navy but shipbuilders and dockers.

Merchant Raiders

The armed merchant raider presented a similar problem to the warship and they were extremely hard to reach.

The cruiser was a match for them and therefore it did not require such a careful combination of forces to search and hunt for this type of vessel.

We had not sunk many of these although from time to time there had been a fair number of them operating, but this was largely because of the success of our policy of forcing them to frequent almost deserted areas of oceans far from the sea lanes where there was little prey.

Mine Tactics

The magnetic mine and the practice of laying mines from the air was unknown in the last war, but they had not been such a surprise to the Admiralty as some people had thought.

They were already working on them themselves at the time and scientists had rapidly supplied the antidote so that the mines were now more of a nuisance than a danger.

It was worth noting that the Germans seemed to experience more difficulty in sweeping up our mines than we did in picking up theirs. Although the Germans were operating from bases in Northern France, Belgium and Holland, we were able to run convoys up and down the east coast.

The final method of attack, from the air, although a menace and nuisance occasioning some loss, could now quite fairly be said to have been dealt with satisfactorily. — Reuter.

CONFISCATION CONFIRMED

THE APPEAL OF KWAN CHO, AGAINST A CONFISCATION ORDER INVOLVING 350 TONS OF KEROSENE, IN ADDITION TO THE MAXIMUM FINE OF \$250 IMPOSED ON HIM BY MR. T. HOUSTON ON JUNE 28, FOR ANCHORING IN A PROHIBITED AREA WAS DISMISSED BY THE CHIEF JUSTICE, SIR ATHOLL MACGREGOR, AT THE SUPREME COURT THIS MORNING.

Mr. Peter H. Sin, appearing for appellant, said that in the lower court he pleaded guilty through his solicitor and was fined the maximum.

When the prosecution closed its case the learned Magistrate on his own accord ordered the confiscation of the kerosene.

The only ground of appeal was that the learned magistrate did not exercise his discretionary powers in this case. Appellant had no previous conviction. This was his first offence. The kerosene was worth \$1,500 and the confiscation order in addition to the fine was an additional penalty.

Mr. Murphy submitted that the Magistrate had made the confis-

ITALIAN GUN GETS HEINKEL

(From A Special Correspondent)
LT. A. PALMER AND HIS CREW HAVE JUST BEEN CONGRATULATED BY ADMIRAL SIR ANDREW CUNNINGHAM, COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF, MEDITERRANEAN, FOR SHOOTING DOWN A HEINKEL. LT. PALMER'S SHIP IS THE CAPTURED ITALIAN SCHOONER MARIA GIOVANNA, AND HIS GUN AND AMMUNITION ALSO BELONGED TO THE FASCIST GOVERNMENT.

"In fact," he said to me over the dinner-table last night in a voice that could out-shout the roaring forties, "I don't think I have ever used a round of British Government ammunition in that ship."

An Australian merchant officer with a tanned, good-humoured face that has beamed its way through every port and lagoon in the South Seas, Palmer might well have stepped from the pages of Somerset Maugham.

I tried to get him to tell me the story seriously, but it went something like this:

"Boy, you should 'a been with me. It was mighty fun. There was my old tub loaded to the scuppers with explosives, in fact everything that nobody else would dream of carrying."

"Couldn't Play Harps"

"When we saw these two birds come over only a few hundred feet up I said to my boys, 'Now, by heck, you have gotta fight like you have never fought before, or you and I will be meeting upstairs in a few minutes, and I know none of you coves can play harps.'"

"I took the wheel and started swinging poor old Maria Giovanna as she had never had helm before. Jerry thought we were a piece of apple pie and came down to look at us."

"Leading fellow circles round to give us the works when my forrad gunner turns the hose on him. Boy, we gave him 25 of Museo's best little 12-millimetre shells right in his ribs."

"Bits and pieces flew in every direction, black smoke poured out of him, and he put his nose straight down into the sea with an almighty splash."

"I had no time to do anything more about him, for his mate came for us. He never gave us the same chance, but tried from all heights for nearly an hour to get us. I thought—he'd never run out of bombs."

LONDON MAY STAY A SMALLER CITY

London may be permanently small suggests the Pulitzer Prize historian Professor Nivens, who has returned to New York after six months in England.

He thinks that many of the people dispersed throughout the country will never return to London.

Due to immense population shifts and bombings, such once-populous areas as Mayfair, Kensington, Bayswater and Chelsea now bear a semi-deserted look.

Country life has raised the health manners and ambitions of slum children.

education order without an application which showed that he had no ulterior or wrong motive and did what he thought right.

REPLY TO KONOYE MESSAGE EXPECTED TO GIVEN SHORTLY

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

THE UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT'S REPLY TO THE JAPANESE PROPOSAL FOR AN UNDERSTANDING IS BELIEVED TO HAVE BEEN DISCUSSED YESTERDAY BY PRESIDENT ROOSEVELT AND THE SECRETARY OF STATE, MR. CORDELL HULL.

The conference took place after Mr. Hull talked with State Department Far Eastern experts.

It is expected that President Roosevelt will reply to Prince Konoye's note this week, though it is doubtful if the gap between the two countries can be completely bridged.

FROM THE REICH

Two new units of measurement have been introduced into Germany.

The Goering is the greatest weight of metal a grown man can support on his breast. The Goebbels is the largest number of lies a man can utter in an hour.

APPEAL DISMISSED

BEFORE THE FULL COURT OF APPEAL THIS MORNING COMPOSED OF THE CHIEF JUSTICE, SIR ATHOLL MACGREGOR AND MR. E. H. WILLIAMS, NG TSANG TANG HING AND SUET LOI APPEALED AGAINST SENTENCE IMPOSED ON THEM BY THE PUISNE JUDGE AT THE LAST CRIMINAL SESSIONS ON BEING FOUND GUILTY OF ROBBERY.

The first two were sentenced to seven years' hard labour and 12 strokes of the cat, while Suet Loi was sentenced to seven years' hard labour.

The appeals were made separately but as they all referred to the same case they were heard together.

Appellants appeared in person, while the Crown was represented by Mr. J. P. Murphy, assistant crown counsel.

Appellants contended that the sentences were too severe. Tang Hing said that he knew nothing of the robbery planned. He was asked to go with others to collect money. When he arrived at the house he knew of the robbery, but was not allowed to leave by the others.

Suet Loi said that he was not concerned with the robbery, he was drawn into it by the others. The appeals were dismissed.

TITLEBAUM CASE

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL") SAM TITLEBAUM WAS ARRAIGNED IN THE U.S. COURT IN SHANGHAI ON THREE ADDITIONAL COUNTS OF FELONIOUSLY CONCEALING HIS TRUE IDENTITY AND HISTORY WHEN HE APPLIED FOR AND SECURED THE POST OF U.S. DEPUTY MARSHAL.

It is alleged Titlebaum concealed body marks and scars, substituted finger-prints not his own and made fraudulent statements on his personal record.—International News Service.

THE STATE DEPARTMENT IS TRYING TO FIND A BASIS ON WHICH NEGOTIATIONS CAN BE STARTED FOR A STANDSTILL AGREEMENT TO CHECK THE DRIFT TO WAR BUT NEGOTIATIONS ARE NOT LIKELY UNLESS AN AGREEMENT IS IN SIGHT.

Prince Konoye is believed in Washington to have staked the fate of his Cabinet on the move to seek an understanding.

If the move fails it is believed probable that a strong military government will replace the present Tokyo Cabinet.—International News Service.

EDUCATION AFTER THE WAR

LORD SOULBURY, CHAIRMAN OF THE UNEMPLOYMENT ASSISTANCE BOARD, AND UNTIL RECENTLY PRESIDENT OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION, SPOKE YESTERDAY OF THE NECESSITY OF TAKING ADEQUATE FIRM ACTION TO REMOVE THE CAUSES OF UNEMPLOYMENT WHEN THE WAR, WHICH HAS VIRTUALLY ABOLISHED UNEMPLOYMENT, IS WON.

By far the largest single cause of unemployment, says Lord Soulbury, was "blind alley" occupation. So many boys and girls on leaving school felt themselves impelled to earn something for the family budget as soon as they possibly could and entered jobs in which they had no opportunity to acquire any skill or aptitude of lasting value and at 18 they found themselves stranded.

"We must remedy all that and our schools are the best remedy. Allowing for all risks and chances of life, the success or failure of the elder sections of the community is almost a direct measure of the success or failure of the education and training which they received when they were young."—British Wireless.

LABOUR PLEDGE TO RUSSIA

Introducing an emergency resolution on international affairs at the Trades Union Congress meeting at Edinburgh yesterday morning, which was carried unanimously, Sir Walter Citrine, T.U.C. General Secretary, said:—

"I cannot convey the spontaneous goodwill, sympathy and admiration expressed to me in America on the conduct of the British people during this ordeal. The importance of the Atlantic Charter was greatly enhanced by the cordial welcome it received from Soviet Russia. It could not be dismissed when what is probably the world's greatest power, the country which had the greatest navy in the world and the country with the largest army could subscribe to the declaration which was to guide them in the struggle."

It may be that the trials which Russia would have to face were such as would exceed anything we or any other nation in this struggle had passed through but the coming months would show that the stamina, determination and reserve capacity of the Russian people will endure all trials. It was reasonable they should have all the comradely sympathy and help that the movement could give. Sir Walter added: "The General Council are not prepared to collaborate in any measure or in any degree with the British Communist Party. We have found them a totally unreliable agent for turning out any policy whatever it may be."

"We intend to collaborate as closely and effectively, loyally and sympathetically with Russia's trade unions as we did with our French colleagues."—British Wireless.

JAPANESE DISPLAY OF ILL FEELING

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

Harrowing tales of mistreatment and severe anti-foreign discrimination were related in Shanghai yesterday by travellers on board the "Tatuta Maru" which arrived from Kobe on Saturday.

Travellers revealed they were forced to sign numerous permits before leaving the country and many were forced to leave minus their baggage owing to severe restrictions on luggage.

Several Marine officers arrived in Shanghai without a single piece of luggage. Many trunks were thrown from the ship by the Japanese onto the wharf at Kobe before the ship sailed.

This discrimination was not only against British and Americans but was also directed

against German and Italian passengers, indicating a general anti-foreign attitude.

Americans still remaining in Japan are anxious to leave but are meeting great difficulty in obtaining permission.—International News Service.

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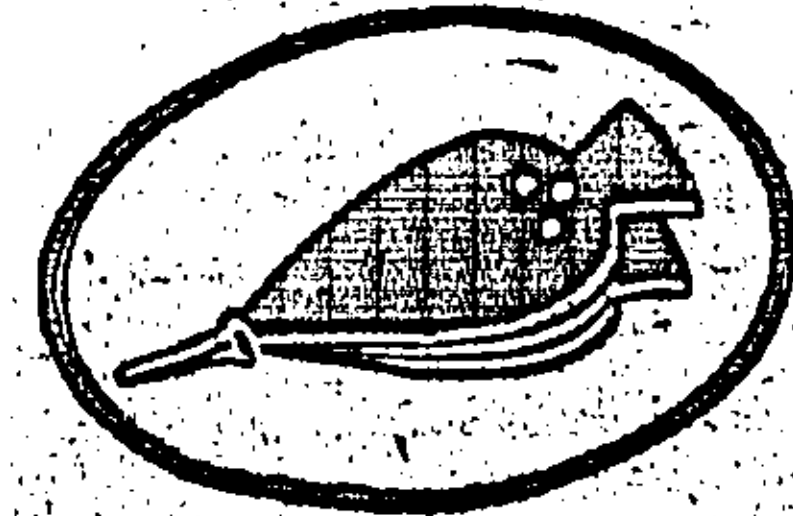


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BRIDGE NOTES

A HORRIBLE EXAMPLE

By The Four Aces

Some of our readers send hands and questions with profuse apologies for the mistakes they fear they've made. If they only knew, they needn't be so apologetic. They ought to see some of the horrible blunders made by nationally known experts! Here's the most horrible example of bad bidding by an expert that we've seen in months:

South, Dealer
Neither side vulnerable

NORTH
10 9 3
J
A Q 10
A Q J 9 7 2

WEST EAST
Q 8 6 2 A 5
K Q 9 4 A 7
5 4 2 8 7 6 3
6 4 K 10 8 5 3

SOUTH
A K J 7 4
10 8 6 5 3 2
K J 9
A

The bidding:
South West North East
Pass Pass 1♣ Pass
2♥ Pass 3♣ Pass
3♥ Pass 4♣ Pass
4♠ Pass

Needless to say, South suffered a bad penalty, when he could have let North play the hand at two or three clubs with safety. We wouldn't report this disaster except that it highlights mistakes which are made by all kinds of players.

To begin with, South didn't have the vestige of an excuse for a jump-bid on the second round of the bidding. He didn't have a particularly strong hand for an original pass, his heart suit was shabby, and he had no fit at all for clubs. If North had bid spades or diamonds, there might be some excuse for a jump-bid in hearts; but with a club bid from North, South had absolutely nothing to get excited about.

Having begun so badly, South might have made a partial recovery by passing four clubs. North obviously had a good club suit and no support for hearts. Furthermore, North couldn't have a four-card spade suit, for with such a holding he would have bid the spades over South's first heart bid. Since there was no chance to find a fit in spades, South had no reason to mention the suit at so high a level.

Yesterday you were Howard Schenken's partner and, with both sides vulnerable, you held:

A K 10 9 7 6
A 9 4
K 10 4 2

The bidding:

Jacoby You Maller Schenken
1♣ Dbl. 1♥ Dbl.
Pass (7)

ANSWER: Pass. With your holding you are perfectly willing to cooperate in the defence against a heart contract. If the heart bid is psychic, your pass will help smother the enemy out.

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Question No. 811

To-day you hold the same hand, and the bidding continues:

Jacoby You Maller Schenken
1♣ Dbl. 1♥ Dbl.
Pass Pass 2♣ 3♥
Pass (7)

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MIMI LAU'S BANK ACCOUNT

(Continued from Page 1)

The Chairman: "Take the year 1938. What was the contract for that year?"—"For Port Works maintenance."

"What was the value of that contract?"—"Very small; between \$80,000 and \$70,000 a year."

Witness admitted that the firm also obtained contracts from Government in 1939 in connection with the Wanchai Gap Police Station and the Shingmun Catchwater valued at \$237,853, medical observation hut, valued at \$9,425, and in 1940 for the Yau-mai Police Camber, valued at \$55,154, and other contracts.

This year the firm obtained a contract for extending the seawall at North Point which was worth \$229,655, and another Water Works Maintenance contract worth between \$30,000 and \$40,000 a year, from the beginning of this month.

The firm made a profit of about \$1,000 in the year 1939 and some \$50,000 in 1940.

Mr. U was then requested to produce several of his account books and the list of contracts from 1938 to date.

Supervision

Witness explained that a special supervisor was appointed by himself in the case of each individual contract.

The Chairman: "Who supervised the work on behalf of Government?"—"It all depends. For instance in the case of maintenance of houses, it was Mr. Feltham, in the case of the Shingmun Catchwater, it was Mr. Bishop."

Witness said that everything was passed by the Executive Engineer, Mr. Feltham. In the case of the North Point seawall it was Mr. Key, Mr. Feltham paid visits once or twice a week.

Referring to the seawall extension at North Point, the Chairman asked: "Do they get all the spoils from A.R.P. tunnels?"—"Some stones were dumped on my site. By whom I don't know, but I think the dumping of stones there was allowed."

"Extraordinary Person"

Witness continued that big stones were taken from the dump by his firm to break into smaller ones for work on the seawall.

"Did you pay for them?"—"No."

"Who is the extraordinary person who makes you a present of the stones?"—"It is not my business to find out who dumped the stones there."

To Find Out

Witness explained that stones were contracted for with a subcontractor. He removed the big stones to be broken up. The spaces from which the big stones were removed were later filled up with earth.

"Who is the sub-contractor?"—"I myself do not know the sub-contractor."

"What is his name?"—"Wong Sang Yue."

"Where does he live?"—"I cannot say offhand."

"Where is his office?"—"I know the location, but I do not know the number. I have so many sub-contractors."

Witness agreed to find out and bring the man to attend the inquiry to-morrow.

Concrete Blocks

The Chairman: "Has the firm made concrete blocks for the A.R.P. Department?"—"Yes."

"When did you start?"—"In September and October last year."

"Who instructed you?"—"Mr. Hobbs gave the order. Tenders were called for and we were engaged."

"How were you engaged?"—"Verbally by Mr. Hobbs."

"What was the total value of that contract?"—"The first lot was for 250,000 blocks at 49½ cents each, the second for 100,000 blocks and the third for 75,000 at the same price as the first lot—49½ cents each."

425,000 Blocks

"So you have made 425,000 blocks for the A.R.P. at 49½ cents each. All this on verbal instructions from Mr. Hobbs."

"I do not think they were all verbal instructions. Some were written instructions."

Witness agreed to produce all written instructions or contracts relating to the making of concrete blocks for the A.R.P. Department whether from Mr. Hobbs or anyone else.

The Chairman: "What was the size of the block?"—"17½" x 8½" x 8½"."

"Was the size changed?"—"No."

Witness then explained that the size originally was 18" x 9" x 9" but after discussion it was found that the measurements were not proper so they were changed to the size mentioned.

"When the tender was accepted the size was for 18" x 9" x 9"?"—"No."

"Are you perfectly sure?"—"I have no doubt about it."

Block Yard

Witness said that the blocks were manufactured in a block yard in Arsenal Street. The firm manufactured their own moulds. They had specifications to work on but witness could not remember what they were.

Witness explained to the Commissioner how the blocks were made.

The Chairman: "When the blocks were finished where were they stored?"—"On one side of the yard."

"Who came and tested them?"—"Once a week, a sample block was taken away to be tested. By whom I do not know."

"By an official of the A.R.P. Department?"—"I cannot say, I must make inquiries."

"Who then can tell, your foreman?"—"Yes."

"Who is your foreman?"—"Lam Kwai."

"He is in a position to tell?"—"Yes."

"Let's have his address."—"I do not know his address."

"Will you bring him here to-morrow morning?"—"Yes."

Figures

"How many blocks were delivered every week?"—"The contract required 2,000 blocks a day. Sometimes we made 100 more and sometimes 100 less a day."

"How many were delivered in a week?"—"When blocks were required then they would be taken away."

The Chairman then gave witness two photographs to scrutinise, explaining that one was of blocks being made.

"In one of the photos is a man. Do you know what the man is doing?"—"I do not know."

"Have a look at that photograph and tell me if some of the blocks haven't got cracks in them."

Those are not cracks but "carriages" caused by water.

The Chairman then asked witness to examine the photograph produced and after having done so, witness replied: I see some of the blocks are cracked.

The Chairman: "Not some of them, most of them are cracked."

— Yes according to the photograph.

To Test Truth

And were those all condemned?"—"Certainly."

Chairman (to interpreter): Tell him that we intend to test the truth of that statement.

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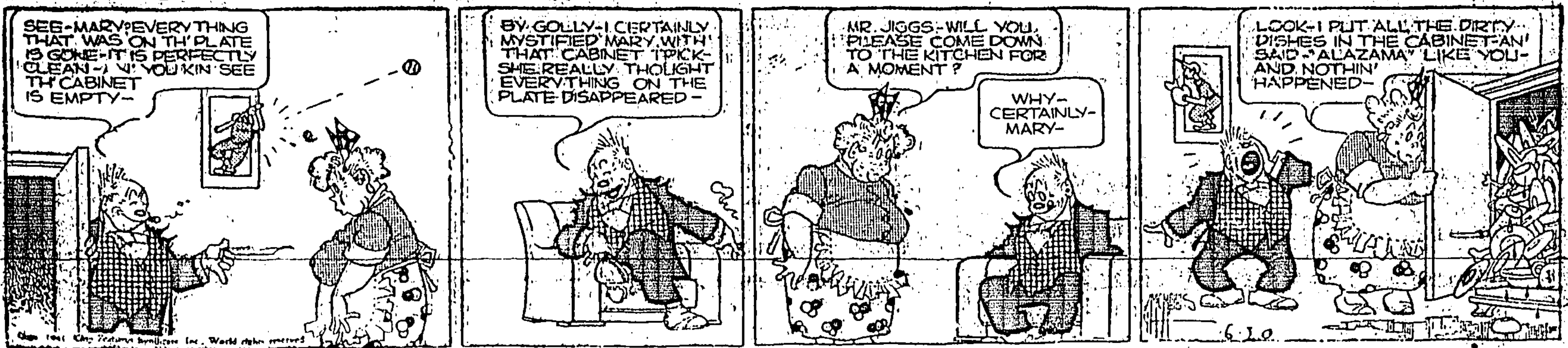
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Bringing Up Father

By George MacManus

A PAGE FOR WOMEN
Summer Aids

About now your favourite lip-slick is the worse for wear. A few meltings haven't improved it and there is nothing to do but shop for a new one. A twin pair which come in a tidy pastel leather case should merit a few moments of your consideration. These two fully sized lipsticks, which sell for the cost of one, are chosen in combination to enhance the blonde, the brunette, or the medium fair. And lush shades they are, the six of them. The combination idea has found favour as so many belles like to use a different shade on each lip to create glamour or something!

TO REMIND YOU: As showers become a major activity during the summertime women should take great delight in a new after-shower set which combines a fragrant body powder and of all things—a hair tonic. The reason for this is to remind you that your scalp needs frequent lubricating during the play months and the best time to anoint your head is directly after you have bathed. If you do not do it then you are likely to forget about doing it! The products come from a famous English house which is famed for hitting the nail on the head!

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will tuck a strong sachet bag in each your accessories will be kept beautifully perfumed. The group would make a most cherished gift for a bride-to-be.

FIELD FRAGRANCE: No summer would be complete without a new perfume which steals its fragrance from the fresh country field. This summer it is the clover which gives us great charm when we wear its essence—a fresh loveliness which men seem to appreciate after sniffing heavier brews for months!

THE MORE PRACTICAL SIDE: Toe nails need clipping and hang nails need nipping. If you desire to keep your hands and toes perfectly groomed. The tool for these jobs is a sturdy, sharp pair of nippers and a leading nail polish firm has just introduced nippers in three sizes made of finely tempered steel. Women like the small, men like the large nippers.

looks into the mirror on the opposite wall, pulls her hair about a bit and says: "Oh, I don't mind what I have . . . you choose."

"Never knows what she wants either to eat or anything else." I seem to have heard you saying that one a good many times. And you're right. The whole business of choosing a meal, especially when you are there to do it for us is just a nuisance.

The secret is out—everyone knows it. Your secret that you told to the only girl you really trusted.

"Trust a woman," you say, bitterly thinking what a fool you were.

We admit it . . . the bit about trusting us. With a secret or a bit of information. We're careless talkers—all the time.

We don't mean to be, but the awful desire to inform gets us. We just must show that we have inside information. You hear about the latest tell-tale and say: "Just like a woman." And you're right.

"Shan't Be Five Minutes Dear!"

Just like a woman. You men say something like that thousands of times a year. It's your favourite crack at us. Most times you do your wise-cracking with a lot of other men when we are out of hearing.

But when you are exasperated

and angry or just plain bored, you flick us raw with: "Just like a woman!" We hate it and we say so . . . unless we are very exceptional women.

But all the same . . . you're right.

Five minutes to wait for her. She is going to be ready, all set. "That means half an hour," you growl, and settle down with your newspaper.

How right you are. How well you know us. When it comes to fixing a new hair style or a different hat women have no more idea of time than a broken alarm clock.

The indicator on the car in front clips out to the left. You slow to let it turn. But it doesn't. It drives straight on. Or, even more likely, turns dead right.

"Bet you anything there's a girl at that wheel," you shout madly.

There is. She has just changed her mind about going up that road. Or maybe she was so busy thinking what she was going to say to Jack that a little matter like an indicator didn't seem important.

Women can do two—or even three—things at once. Day-dreaming and driving are two of them.

You fixed up this little supper. You saved up for it, intended to make it a party. Eating out is a grand treat these days.

You pass her the menu. She



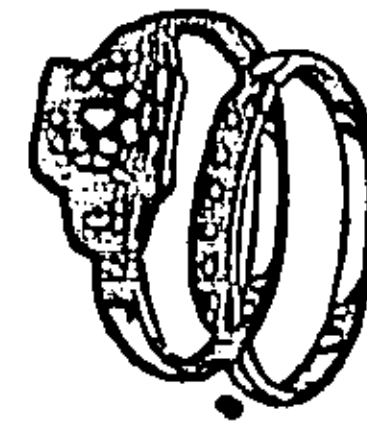
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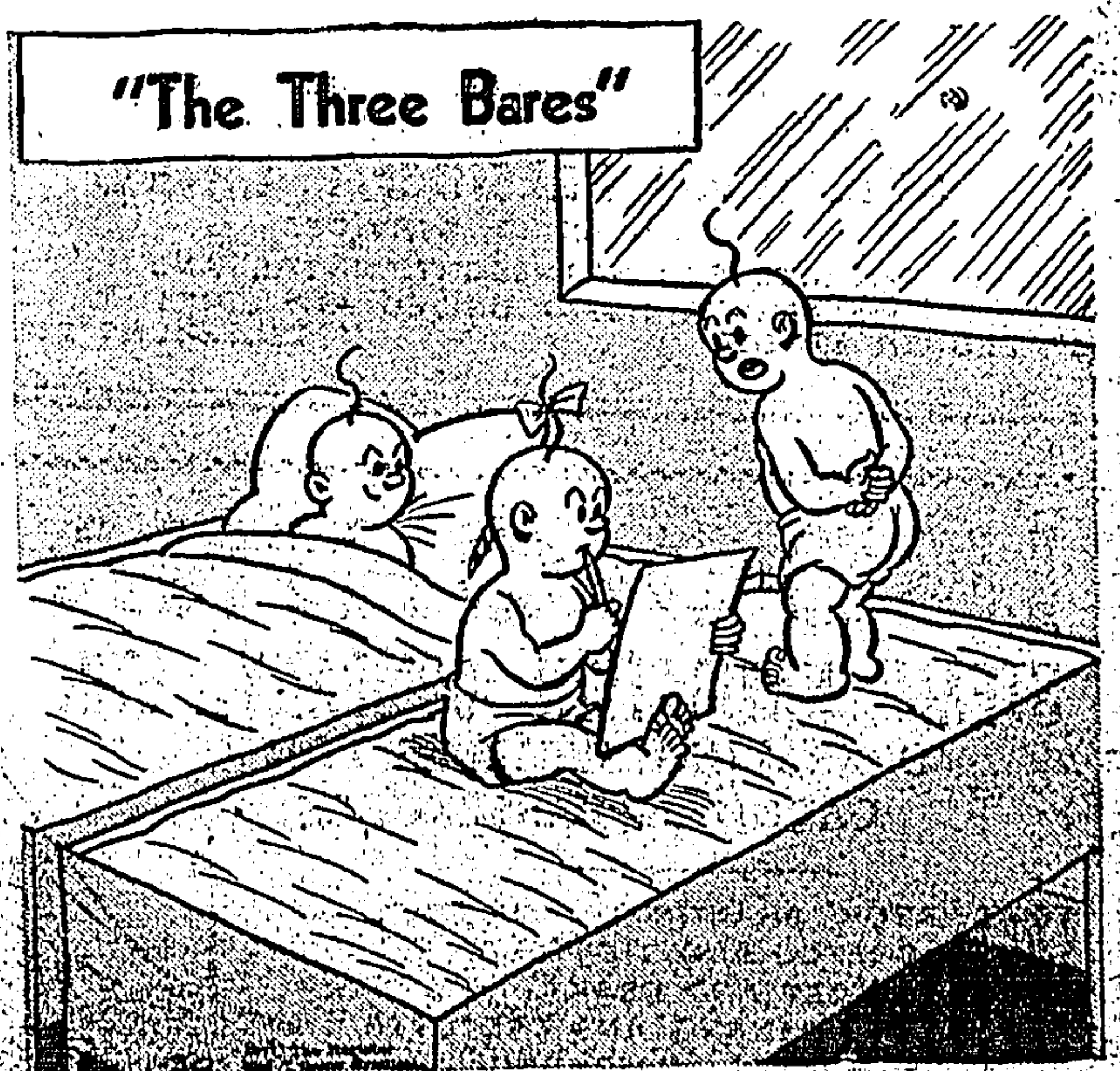
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TO PREMIER**

On the occasion of the second anniversary of the European war, Kuomintang members in Malaya have cabled to Mr. Winston Churchill saying: "We firmly believe that under your great leadership, Britain will crush Nazi aggression and final victory for the Democracies will come soon." The Kuomintang also issued a message to overseas Chinese urging them to aid Britain wholeheartedly.—Central News.

AID TO FARMERS

The War Office have agreed that wherever possible they will be prepared to loan military transport to farmers in Britain to assist in getting in the corn harvest.—British Wireless.

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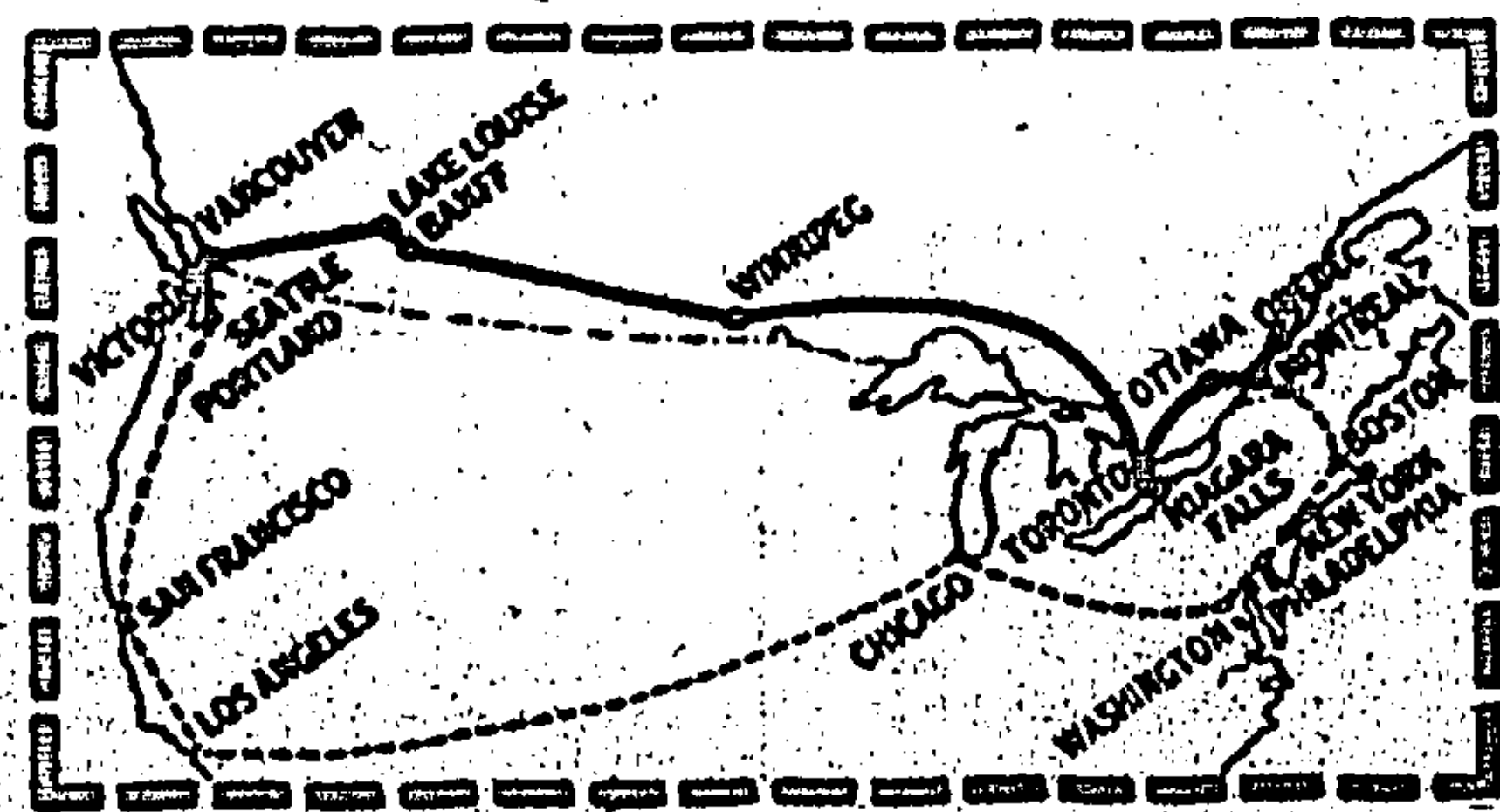
Sir.—Please allow me, through your correspondence column, to remind readers of the desire of His Majesty the King that Sunday, September 7th, being the first Sunday following the second anniversary of the outbreak of war, should be observed as a national day of prayer. Special reference will be made to our national needs at all of the Cathedral services. There will be no reserved seats; all of the seats in the nave being available as usual. Extra seats will be introduced to increase accommodation if necessary.

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OVER**

CHAN WUN-CHUNG, 23, UNEMPLOYED, WAS BOUND OVER BY MR. G. T. LOWRY AT THE CENTRAL MAGISTRACY THIS MORNING, FOR OBTAINING \$5 WORTH OF MEAT FROM A STALL IN THE WESTERN MARKET BY FALSE PRETENCES. The complainant, Kong Tai, 43, received a telephone call for meat to be sent to a teahouse in Central district. Accused was at the entrance of the premises, and the delivery foki handed over the meat, which accused later sold for \$4.

RADIO

6.00 p.m.—Indian Programme.
6.45 p.m.—Closing Local Stock Quotations.
6.47 p.m.—Variety.
7.30 p.m.—Musical Comedy Selections.
"Home & Beauty"—Love Me A Little To-day (Brodszky & others); A Nice Cup Of Tea (Herbert & Sullivan).
"Binnie Hale (Vocal) with Orch."
"The Fleet's Lit Up"—Selection.
Gerald & his London Hippodrome Orchestra.
"Wild Violets"—You, Just You (Carter & Stolz).
"Anne Ziegler & Webster Booth (Vocal Duo) with Orchestra."
"Crest Of The Wave"—Selection (Ivor Novello, arr. Prentice).
The Drury Lane Theatre Orchestra.
8.00 p.m.—London Relay—The News.
8.15 p.m.—London Relay—War Commentary.
8.25 p.m.—London Relay—"Listening Post", Examination of Points in Daily German Propaganda.
8.30 p.m.—London—Sarah Churchill and Vic Oliver in "Happy Days".
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9.00 p.m.—Local Time Signal, Programme Summary and Announcements.
9.02 p.m.—A Programme Of Old English Music.
Pavane: Gaillard (William Byrd); Chaconne (Henry Purcell).
Society of Ancient Instruments.
The Lass With The Delicate Air (Michael Arne).
Nan Maryska (Soprano) with Piano.
A Trumpet Voluntary (For Bass & Organ)—Purcell, arr. Wood.
Sir Hamilton Harty conducting The Halle Orchestra.
Where The Bee Sucks (Shakespeare-Arne).
Ellisabeth Schumann (Soprano) with Piano.
9.23 p.m.—Haydn—Symphony No. 96 in D Major.
1st Mov: Adagio—Allegro; 2nd Mov: Andante; 3rd Mov: Menuetto (Allegretto) & Trio; 4th Mov: Finale (Vivace assai).
Vienna Philharmonic Orchestra cond. by Bruno Walter.
9.45-10.00 p.m.—News in French (on Short Wave only).
9.45 p.m.—Piano Solos by Eileen Joyce.
Lotus Land and Dance Negre (Cyril Scott).
Tarantella in A Minor (Farjeon).
Valse in E Major (Maurice Moszkowski).
10.00 p.m.—London Relay—The News and News Commentary.
10.15 p.m.—B.B.C. Recording—"Marching To Victory".
A Programme of War Songs from the Empire recorded in Britain. Written and compiled by Brian Meredith and Cecil Madden (with the cooperation, on India, of Lionel Fielden. Narrators: Peter Pooley and Z. A. Bokhari).
10.35 p.m.—Dance Music.
Quick-Step—Wings Over The Navy; Fox-Trot—The Girl Who Loves A Soldier (from film "The Little Dog Laughed").
From film "The Little Dog Laughed".
Fox-Trot—Lords Of The Air... The Grosvenor House Dance Orchestra.
Fox-Trot—The Dance Band and Me.
Fox-Trot—Till The Lights Of London Shine Again... Jack Jackson & his Band.
Fox-Trot—They Can't Black-out The Moon... Jay Wilbur & his Band.
Fox-Trot—We Must All Stick Together... Billy Cotton & his Band.
Quick-Step—Kiss Me Goodnight Sergeant Major... Sidney Lipton & his Grosvenor House Dance Orchestra.
11.00 p.m.—London Relay—"Britain Today". Discussion with Gerald Barry and Clarence Dane.
11.15 p.m.—Close down.

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MIMI LAU'S BANK ACCOUNT

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ment.—Witness then went on to say that some of the cracks were caused in the process of loading and unloading from lorries.

Chairman:—Nevertheless, cracked blocks have been used?—Very rarely.

The Commission intend to pull down a few of these walls and test the blocks. Do you know what pressure these blocks have to withstand?—No.

Is it not down in the specification?—Yes, it is in the specification, but I haven't a machine to test these blocks. Witness added that this was his firm's first experience in connection with a job regarding blocks.

Chairman:—You do not know what pressure the blocks have to withstand?—No.

But I take it you followed specification and used the material specified?—Oh Yes.

Other Firms

In answer to a question whether any other firm was engaged in making these blocks, witness gave the names of Sang Tai, contractor, and South China Spuncrete.

Chairman:—Are you aware of the sites where your concrete blocks were used to make walls?—I know them.

Let us know them: Southern Playground, Possession Street, G.C.H. site, Sand Street, Ellis Kadoorie playground, Pokfulam Road (opposite old Saiyungpun school), Wongneicheong Road, Wanchai old market site. There are other sites, but I do not remember them. Witness went on to say, regarding the walls built on these sites, that not all the blocks used were supplied by his company.

Chairman:—Are any of these blocks used for making walls?—Oh yes. When Tung Shan came and took away some of our blocks, I think some of these were used for walls.

Chairman's Revelation

Do you know Concrete Products?—Is it the same as Henry Graye?—Yes, I have heard of the name, but I do not know the firm.

The Chairman then said that Concrete Products were a firm that specialised in making concrete blocks and they had offered to make 400,000 concrete blocks according to a specification sent out from London at 38 cents per block.

That offer was made to the Director of A.R.P. and Mr. Hobbs, and the size of the block was 18 x 9 x 9.

In spite of that, the tender was not accepted but Sang Lee and the two other firms were given the contract at 49½ cents for smaller blocks. Those are facts, said the Chairman, who asked witness if he was surprised to hear that.

Witness:—It all depends on how the blocks were manufactured. If they were turned out in mass and by machinery no doubt they would be cheaper than blocks made in small quantities and by hand.

Chairman:—Quite. But are you surprised that the A.R.P. people should have given the other firms the contract?—Naturally, I cannot see why.

Further Questions

At this stage, Mr. L. C. F. Bellamy put the following questions to witness.

You say that your firm are not competitors with Tung Shan?—No.

Don't you tender for the same type of work?—In that case, yes. Then you are competitors?—In that case, yes.

Your firm got a very important Government contract in 1940, and Tung Shan got it this year. Did you tender this year?—Yes.

Were you not disappointed not to have got it this year?—Yes.

Did it not strike you as surprising that Tung Shan should have got it after you had been awarded it last year?—Yes.

Missing Books

Mr. Chan Chik-chi, who was told at the previous hearing to produce certain books, was next to be called.

He produced the books, naming each as he handed it up, stating that these were for 1940 and 1941.

You were told by me to produce books from January 1, 1938, why haven't you done so?—I began having any dealing with Government only from July 1940. There was a fire and

as a result some of the books are missing.

Do I understand you have no books for 1938?—I have them but they are incomplete. If you want them I can produce them.

We do want them. Produce the books at 3 o'clock this afternoon.

I am afraid that because of the fire these books for 1933 may not be complete.

That doesn't matter. Produce them.

Have you a bank pass book?—Yes.

How many banks do you deal with?—The Wah Kiu Bank, Swatow Commercial Bank, Bank of China, Central Government Bank and Kwok Wah Bank.

Eight Banks

Chairman (examining one of the books produced by witness): On page 1 of this book there is a list of eight banks.—Yes.

Have you got accounts in each one of these banks?—Yes.

We want the pass books in respect of each bank at 3 o'clock this afternoon.—I can produce those that I can collect, but I may not be able to bring them all.

Where are they?—In my office. Then why can't you bring them all if they are in the office?—It is my duty to bring them all, certainly, but these books are on 20-page books and not big ones. If I can find them all I will bring them.

Do you suggest that you have mislaid some of them?—Yes.

Entertainment

Well then, bring all you can collect this afternoon and for the missing ones go to the banks concerned and get duplicates and bring them here by 3 o'clock this afternoon.—If the banks agree to let me have duplicates by 3 o'clock I'll bring them.

Well, let me know and if they refuse they'll be given orders to do so.

Here's an item marked entertainment. What does that mean?—It means giving dinners and in some cases giving presents on festive occasions.

To whom?—Relatives and business friends.

Within your memory what is the highest amount you ever spent in a month on entertainment?—According to the best of my recollection the highest amount spent is about \$1,000 but never more.

And did you always get receipts?—Yes, giving dinners at restaurants and giving presents, say when a man is opening up a new shop and we present him with a mirror, we always get a receipt.

Dinner Parties

When did you last give a dinner party?—About a week ago. What restaurant was this held in?—Our dinners are mostly given at the Kam Loong Restaurant.

Was Mr. B. C. Lam there?—Yes.

Were there any other guests any Europeans?—No.

Have you ever had any Europeans at any of these parties?—Very rarely.

When was the last party you gave at which Europeans were present?—About a month ago. We gave a dinner to the staff of Reiss Bradley and Co., and a Mr. Morrison was there. I have a list of the guests and can produce it if you wish.

Yes, produce it. Has Miss Mimi Lau ever attended any of your parties?—No.

Do you know if she had attended any party given by Mr. B. C. Lam?—I don't think so because it is not the policy of our firm to send ladies out to meet business people.

Do you know Mr. Hobbs?—I have never heard of him.

Do you know Comdr. Steele-Perkins?—Yes, slightly.

Have you ever met him at any party?—No.

You know Mimi Lau, don't you?—Yes.

"Charity Or Favour"

You gave her a job in your firm, why did you do that?—We made our acquaintance in Canton. Round about January-February she rang me up on the phone.

And you gave her a job?—Yes.

At \$200 a month?—Yes.

For filling letters?—Well, strictly speaking she is not worth \$200 a month but the reason why she was paid this amount was more of a charity and favour.

You do that with any other employee?—Yes, I extend the same

favour to the employees who came here as refugees.

So you paid this girl \$200 from a charity point of view but she is not really worth that?—Yes.

You say she got in touch with you in January or February?—Yes.

Do you know if this girl has any other source of income?—I don't know.

Miss Lau's Savings

Chairman: I am telling you this. In the course of six months, on \$200 a month, she has been able to save \$5,000—is that so?

Yes, and I'll tell you something more. Before you employed her she was getting nothing at all, and on June 14, she was introduced to the Mercantile Bank by Comdr. Steele-Perkins and deposited \$5,000.—Is that so? I did not know that. She does not stay all the time in the office, she goes out to play about all the time.

What do you mean by play about?—I have been very busy, and I only see her about an hour each day in the office.

And you still pay her \$200?—As I have said it is charity.

And now that you have heard she had been able to save \$5,000 within the past six months, are you still going to be charitable?

"Another \$500"

At this point Mr. G. G. N. Tinson, representing Wing-Comdr. Steele-Perkins, protested: There is nothing in the evidence that I have read to say that that \$5,000 was saved in the last few months. All she said was, according to the statement I have, that she used to carry her money about in her handbag and she used to put part of her salary in the bank.

The Chairman: Now that you know she has \$5,000 in the bank, are you still going to be charitable?—Since I discovered that she did not do much work, I am thinking of dispensing with her services.

Perhaps you would be interested to know that within one-and-a-half months of depositing the \$5,000, she deposited another \$500. Did she get any of this \$5,500 from you?—No.

You are quite sure about it?—Quite.

Apart from her pay of \$200 she has had no other monies from you?—No.

I think I am correct in saying that none of this \$5,500 represents entertainment?—I don't know, none of this money is mine.

Hearing was adjourned till 3 p.m. to-day.

BRITISH GIRLS IN 3RD ROUND

Miss Valerie Scott and Miss Nina Brown, the two English girls taking part in the American Women's Lawn Tennis Championships at Forest Hills, entered the Third Round of the tournament yesterday. Miss Scott beating Miss Barbara Strohbar 6-0, 9-7, and Miss Brown beat Miss Lillian Popava 6-1, 6-3.

Bryan "Blitz" Grant, one of the leading contenders in the men's singles event, had a three-hours battle before beating Pancho Segura, from Ecuador, 8-6, 4-6, 9-7, 6-2.—Reuter.

California is regarded as a slight favourite to win the Pacific Coast football title this year.

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MIDDLESEX WIN GALA AT EUROPEAN "Y"

Middlesex won the inter-Club gala last night at European Y.M.C.A. as the result of their second placing in the last race, the 150 Yards Medley Relay, which gave them a four points lead over "Y".

Following were the results: 50 Yards Free-Style:—1, Sig. Hunt (C.S.U.); 2, Bdr. Thompson (Combined R.A.); 3, E. W. Ralston (Y.M.C.A.); 4, Wong Sun (Royal Engineers); 5, Bindon (Middlesex).

100 Yards Free-Style Relay (Teams of Six):—1, Y.M.C.A. (W. S. Gegg, E. A. Roberts, R. Goldman, L. A. Benn, A. F. May and E. W. Ralston); 2, Combined R.A.; 3, Combined Small Units; 4, Middlesex Regiment; 5, Royal Engineers.

Plunging:—1, Middlesex Regiment (106 ft.); 2, Royal Engineers (101 ft. 9 ins.); 3, Combined R.A. (100 ft. 7 ins.); 4, Combined Small Units (89 ft. 8 ins.); 5, Y.M.C.A. (83 ft. 3 ins.). 75 Yards Medley Relay:—1, Combined Small Units; 2, Y.M.C.A.; 3, Middlesex; 4, Combined R.A.; 5, Royal Engineers.

Diving (Three Dives):—1, Middlesex (Quickenden and Holdford), 98½ pts.; 2, Combined R.A., 94 pts.; 3, Combined Small Units, 87½ pts.; 4, Royal Engineers, 84 pts.; 5, Y.M.C.A., 83 pts. 150 Yards Medley Relay (Two Back, Two Breast And Two Free):—1, Y.M.C.A. (E. A. Roberts, R. Maynard, R. Goldman, L. A. Benn, W. S. Gegg, and A. F. May); 2, Middlesex; 3, Combined R.A.; 4, Combined Small Units; 5, Royal Engineers.

Water-Polo:—White 2 v Colours 1.

S.C.A.A. Gala

South China Athletic Association held their fourth swimming gala of the season at North Point last night with the following results:

200 Metres Free-Style Relay (Open):—1, Eastern; 2, Chinese Y.M.C.A.; 3, Hong Kong and Kowloon Residents' Association. Time: 1 min. 51.3-5 secs. Ladies' 50 Metres Free-Style:—1, Li Po-luen; 2, Li Oi-ying; 3, Chiu So-bik. Time: 44-1.5 secs.

100 Metres Back-Stroke:—1, Au Leung-wah; 2, Yeung Cheung-wah; 3, Fong Kwok-yu. Time: 1 min. 29.4-5 secs.

Children's 100 Metres Free-Style:—1, Ko Wah-hung; 2, Kwong Man-yu; 3, Yeung Ting-kong. Time: 1 min. 38.2-5 secs.

50 Metres Fancy Swimming:—1, Tsang Yeung; 2, Ho Pun-kan; 3, Yeung On-kong.

400 Metres Free-Style:—1, Yeung Cheung-wah; 2, Ho Pun-kan; 3, Cheong Siu-cho. Time: 6 mins. 22 secs.

Middle Training Class 10 Metres Free-Style:—1, Yeung Ting-kong; 2, Kwong Man-yu; 3, Ko Kin-yu. Time: 1 min. 38.4-5 secs.

Ladies' 400 Metres Free-Style:—1, Li Po-luen; 2, Ho Wah-man; 3, Chiu So-bik. Time: 7 mins. 45.2-5 secs.

Staff 100 Metres Free-Style:—1, Man On; 2, Tam Hon; 3, Li Kan. Time: 1 min. 23.4-5 secs.

Chinese Pressmen's 100 Metres (Free-Style):—1, Shek Kam-pui (Sing Tao); 2, Chi Wah-lam (Sing Tao); 3, Wo Chi-leung.

50 Metres Free-Style Consolation Race:—1, Yeung Ying-hon; 2, Chu Kwok-leung; 3, Cheung Kai-pui. Time: 32.4-5 secs.

A coach of high school athletics before he joined the Air Corps, Earl R. Kingsley of Fayetteville, Ark., is a student again. He is a Flying Cadet, receiving basic flight training at Randolph Field, the "West Point of the Air."

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MR. T. K. LI'S 'DOUBLE' AT FINAL 'POW' OF H.K. JOCKEY CLUB

THE FINAL 'POW' OF THE SEASON WAS HELD AT THE VALLEY THIS MORNING AND WAS HIGHLIGHTED BY A 'DOUBLE' FOR MR. T. K. LI, THE POPULAR OWNER, WHO WON THE EVENT FOR AUSTRALIAN PONIES ON HIS ODIN AND CAME FIRST PAST THE POST IN THE CHINA PONIES EVENT ON ANOTHER OF HIS PONIES, ODEON.

There was a minor mishap during the second race — for China ponies — when Mr. L. S. Mui, on Clowner, was unseated just after the start. Fortunately, however, he was none the worse for his experience and returned to the jockeys' room unassisted.

This morning's races were run at catchweights, and due to the fact that there was a great deal of difference in "class" there was quite some distance separating the first few ponies from the rest of the field in both events. Results were:—

- 1 Mile Race for Australian Ponies.
 1. Odin (T. K. Li).
 2. Rising Star (K. Kwok).
 3. Sparrow (K. F. Chiu).
 9 starters. Won by 1½ lengths; many lengths. Time: 25; 54; 1.24.1; 1.54.1.
- Also ran: Casino (C. F. Ng), Joan (Chan Oi-wan), Pigtail (T. L. Tseng), Ophir (P. M. Hoo).

V.R.C. GALA THIS EVENING

VICTORIA RECREATION CLUB ARE HOLDING THEIR LAST INTRA-MEMBERS' SWIMMING GALA THIS EVENING AT 6.07 P.M. IN PREPARATION FOR THE COLONY CHAMPIONSHIPS LATER IN THE MONTH.

Charles Huang, who did well against Chan Chan-nun and Ng Nin in the Championships last year, will be competing after a short illness, and will attempt to better 2 mins. 30 secs. a mark which he has set himself this season.

A. L. Rumjahn will also attempt to cover the 100 Yards back-stroke event in under 70 secs.

Following is the programme of events:—

- MEN'S**
- 220 Yards free-style (Handicap), "A" Class.
 - 100 Yards back-stroke (Handicap), Diving.
 - 50 Yards free-style (Handicap), "B" Class.
 - 50 Yards breast-stroke (Handicap), 150 Yards Mixed Relay (six-a-side).
- LADIES'**
- 50 Yards free-style, "A" Class.
 - 25 Yards free-style (Handicap), Beginners.
 - 50 Yards breast-stroke (Handicap).
 - 50 Yards free-style (Handicap), "B" and Beginners Classes.
 - 50 Yards back-stroke (Handicap).
- BOYS'**
- 50 Yards back-stroke (Handicap).
 - 100 Yards free-style (Handicap).
 - 100 Yards breast-stroke (Handicap).



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A. K. Rumjahn, who will attempt to better 70 seconds in the 100 Yards back-stroke event at the V.R.C. gala this evening.

VOLUNTEER SWIMMING CHAMPIONSHIP

It was decided at a meeting of the Hong Kong Volunteer Defence Corps Swimming Committee, held at Corps Headquarters last evening, that the annual Corps Swimming Championships will be held in the Army Pool on Saturday, September 20, and that for the first time the programme will include events open to the Garrison.

This innovation should prove extremely popular as competition between teams representing Volunteers, Army and Navy promises to be very keen.

There will also be a championship race for the Nursing Division, while a relay race will be held between teams representing the Nursing Division, A.N.S., A.R.P. and Military Nurses.

In addition there will be races open to the Police and A.R.P. men respectively, while a water-polo match will be played between Volunteers and Combined Services.

The Volunteers' Selection Committee will comprise L. A. Soares (Portuguese Companies), H. Wing Lee (No. 3 Company) and R. Goldman (No. 1 Company).

In Aid Of Charity

Proceeds will be in aid of the British Prisoners of War Fund and as an added attraction a band will be in attendance during the evening. Tickets will be at \$2.50 (or "what you will") and \$1.00. Servicemen to be admitted at half-price to the \$1 seats.

The programme will be as follows:—

- CORPS CHAMPIONSHIPS**
- 4 x 2 lengths free-style relay race.
 - 3 x 1 length medley relay race.
 - 1 length free-style (A.F.S.).
 - High Dive (3 dives each).
 - 6 x 1 length free-style relay race.
- INTER-GARRISON EVENTS**
- 6 x 1 length medley relay (two swimmers each for breast, back and free-style).
 - 4 x 3 lengths free-style relay.
 - High Dive.
 - Water-Polo (Volunteers v. Services).
 - 3 lengths individual medley.
- OTHER EVENTS**
- Nursing Division Championship.
 - Relay Race (Ladies).
 - 1 length free-style (Police).
 - 1 length free-style (A.R.P. Men).

War Tax (Chan Hon), Maple Star (Lo Kwong-to).

- 1 Mile Race for China Ponies.
 1. Odeon (T. K. Li).
 2. Boolat Bay (S. W. Lee).
 3. Lancashire Chap (R. Blue-stone).
 8 starters. Won by 6 lengths; many lengths. Time: 27.2; 59; 1.33; 2.06.3.

Also ran: This Time (Wong Yan), Desert Star (C. H. Chan), Smiling Time (M. F. Alarcon), Clowner (L. S. Mui), Chatterbox (A. A. Roza).

SERVICES SOCCER XI SELECTED

The Combined Eastern and Sing Tao team which recently toured Australia will meet United Services in a football match in aid of British and Chinese Charities at Caroline Hill on Saturday, September 20.

On Sunday, South China, League and Shield champions, will play the Governor's Cup team at Caroline Hill.

Following are the selected teams:

United Services:—Bankier (Royals); Roughly (Navy) and Fraser (Royals); Birrell (Engineers); Bright (Middlesex) and Thomas (Middlesex); Hossack (Royals); Barber (Navy), Keady (Navy), Le Page (Navy) and Duffell (Ordnance).

Reserves:—Sheehan (Middlesex) and Pelham (Engineers).

Eastern-Sing Tao:—Cheung Wing-choy (Sing Tao); Hau Yung-sang (Sing Tao) and Lee Thng-sang (Sing Tao); Chan Kam-hoi (Eastern), Soong Ling-sing (Sing Tao) and Chiu Ah-fai (Sing Tao); C. T. Tsao (Eastern), Fung King-cheong (Sing Tao), V. K. Hyul (Eastern), Lai Shui-wing (Sing Tao) and Hau Ching-to (Eastern).

Teams selected by Lee Wai-tong and Captain R. E. Guest will meet in a friendly soccer match at Caroline Hill on Sunday, September 14.

Joe Dutton, son of Mervyn (Red) Dutton, manager of the New York Americans National Hockey League team, received wings last month at graduating class exercises of the No. 5 Royal Canadian Air Force Training School.

THE PERFECT SOCCER REFEREE'S MAKE-UP

The first monthly meeting of Hong Kong Football Referees' Association, held last night at Hotel Cecil, was very well-attended and was presided over by Mr. H. Beard, the chairman.

It was suggested that the annual game between Referees and Press be played on Armistice Day, before the annual Charity game, and that Hong Kong Football Association be asked for the necessary permission.

A tribute to the work of P. O. Mario, who is leaving shortly, had been done for soccer in Hong Kong was paid by the chairman and R. S. M. Ford. Both speakers wished him the best of luck in his new station.

In the course of his lecture, Lieut. Crossby said in part:—

"I do not know what the standard of refereeing is in the Colony. I have only had the opportunity as yet to see one or two Service games—my resultant opinion I will not make public, be it good or bad—but the standard ought to be very high in a tight little island like Hong Kong, where educational classes should be easy to hold. I am proud to be able to associate Army, F.A. Referee classes this year with those of Hong Kong Referees' Society, and as far as it lies in our power—and I think I am right in saying that I speak for all members of the controlling Committee when I say this—

we shall do our best to give the candidates a good understanding of the meaning of the Laws and their application and the way to apply them, and I sincerely hope that Hong Kong F.A. will support us by accepting and recognising our examinations.

"I would appeal to all Army Units and Civil clubs to use registered referees in their practice games, trainees in particular, and if any Unit or Club can help in this way they have only to apply to the Secretary of the Referee classes—R.S.M. E. C. Ford at Military Headquarters—who will provide them with an official for any game.

Referee Essentials

"What essentials must be in a Referee, and all referees? Well, lots of people will differ from me, but for what it is worth I say that he must have love of the game, love of fair play, love of control, a hard skin, personality, unbiased mind, quickness in perception, imperviousness to other people's opinion, non-crowd-conscious, desire to serve fellow men, and many other qualities which you can add to this list to suit yourself, but, of course, added to all these, which are more or less personal, must be a complete knowledge of the Laws etc. of the game."

ROYALS APPEAR TO HAVE SOLVED INSIDE-FORWARD PROBLEMS

By "Referee"

No team in First Division last season ever faced Royal Scots with absolute confidence, as it was well-known that Royals could on their day provide the strongest opposition to any side, and, with all of last season's team available and already in form, Royals are expected to do even better this coming football season.

Last season nine Royals represented Scotland in the semi-final of the "Sunday Herald" International Charity Cup—in which they caused a sensation by beating China, the holders—the two "outsiders" being Howlett and Ferrier of Police, who were inside-forwards. The lowly position of Royals in the League was then attributed to the lack of good inside-forwards, but from the friendly game on Saturday against Middlesex it was apparent that they will have little to worry on that score this season as both Fleming and MacDonald gave very impressive displays.

Bankier, who is ranked one of the best goalkeepers at present in the Colony, came into prominence in the latter stages of last season when he gave several rousing displays in representative games, particularly in the Governor's Cup competition, and with the perfect understanding existing between him, Naysmith and Fraser, Royals have a trio of defenders well nigh the best in the Colony.

"Safety" Fraser

Sgt. Fraser, left-back, has not been nicknamed "Safety" without good reason. His positional play is a feature of his game, while his clean kicking and hard tackling have relieved many dangerous situations. Naysmith also played some very good games last season. He did not have so many opportunities in representative games, but in the few that he did play he showed that he was worthy of the position.

Royal Scots may not have brilliant players for their intermediate line, but they have a wealth of talent in this department, and any three chosen should do well. Royals' half-backs have often upset many a good forward line with their hard and quick tackling.

Falconer, who plays a hard and robust game at all times, will probably be seen in the pivotal position with Clark and Munro as his wing-halves. Pte. Fraser, Parnaby and Marshall are others likely to be considered.

Auld Leading Attack

Auld will be leading the attack. The manager of one of the Chinese teams has a great opinion of him. He has

CLUB PLAYERS IN TRAINING

Hong Kong Football Club players were seen at practice yesterday afternoon, among those on view being J. Skinner, K. Forrow, A. Odell, S. Fowler, Dr. Shaw and H. Millington.

A number of players from Sing Tao, who share the ground with Club, were also in action, among the senior players being Ip Pak-wah, Kwok Ying-kee, Tang Kwong-sum and Lai Shui-wing.

CLUB'S FIRST GAME

Hong Kong Football Club are meeting Royal Engineers in a friendly football game on the Club ground on Saturday, September 13.

game and regulations for its control. I will add a high sense of duty to the list, for a referee must be a man who, once having agreed to do a thing, will let nothing deter him from doing it.

"I have omitted fitness from my list of attributes of a referee, for, while agreeing that fitness is important, and greatly important at that, I think that too much of a fetish is made of it. An ultra fit man is apt to try and keep too close to the ball, and with the diagonal control system it is not necessary to keep always close to the ball.

One point of advice, culled from experience, is don't be familiar with players, officials or any one connected with clubs or competitions; it breeds suspicion of your neutrality and impartiality, the two most precious items in a Referee's reputation. Don't go, or come, to a ground with officials or teams, do not fraternise after the game, do not discuss the game or your decisions, or anybody else's, with the players or officials. Let your appearances on the field be your only public ones—don't get yourself noticed for unseemly behaviour; be quiet and inconspicuous off the field, but boss on it. Be smart and clean in your appearance."

height, can use his head well, has a powerful shot, and only requires a little more ball control and steadiness in front of goal to make him one of the most dangerous forwards in the Colony.

In a friendly game, recently Moore, who played for the juniors at centre-half last season, was tried on the left-wing, but it has not yet been decided who will fill that position.

Hossack will be seen on the right-wing and when on form he is very dangerous, possessing speed, good ball control, a good swerve and a centre of the right height.

The inside-forwards, Fleming and MacDonald, impressed in last Saturday's game and should hold these positions.

HOSACK

Junior Talent

Royals' juniors are expected to figure prominently in Second Division, and if the calls of the senior team are less than they were last season, Royals should be near the top of the division.

Clark and Satter are the two goalkeepers—the latter played for Kowloon juniors last season, while the former played some good games last season. Thomson and Parnaby, last year's full-backs, are still available, while the intermediate line, who may Jose, Moore, through promotion, can claim Gibson, Gibb, Fraser and Marshall among others.

The juniors will miss Auld, who was their main goal-scorer, but they have enough material, which, with practice, should blend into a good forward line.

Following have been registered with Hong Kong Football Association:—L/Cpl. Larkin, Pte. Auld, Pte. D. Gibb, Pte. S. Parnaby, Pte. Satter, Pte. Falconer, L/Cpl. Gibson, Pte. Gardner, Pte. Adamson, L/Cpl. R. Parnaby, Pte. Forrest, Pte. Clark, Pte. Moore, Pte. Woods, Pte. Fraser, L/Cpl. Fowler, Pte. Thomson, L/Cpl. Munro, L/Cpl. Hunter, Pte. Laws, L/Cpl. Wiseman, Sgt. Fraser, Pte. Clarke, Cpl. Marshall, Pte. Hossack, Pte. Bailey, Pte. D. Fleming, Pte. McDonald.

SOUTH CHINA'S JUNIOR PLAYERS

Following are South China's Second Division football players already signed up:—Ho Po-pui, Chan Yue-ching, Ho Lok-kee, Chang Hol-cheung, Lee Chi-ho, Fook Yiu-wah, Lai Chung-yuen, Che Wing-kuen, Chin Chun-fai and Lee Tien-kai.

NEW SING TAO CENTRE-HALF

Meng Yu-liang, a centre-half from Shanghai, has arrived in the Colony and will be playing for Sing Tao in the Football League.

JOHN CHYE DUE HERE SHORTLY

It is rumoured that John Chye, well-known Singapore Chinese soccer centre-forward, is arriving in the Colony shortly and will be signing on for Sing Tao.

CUP BOWLS DRAW

Following is the revised draw for the Goscombe O'Sullivan Cup lawn bowls competition:—Police "A" v. P.W.D. "C"; Prisons "B" v. Medicals "C"; Small Units v. P.W.D. "B"; Medicals "A" v. Education "B"; Medicals "C" v. Police "C"; Prisons "C" v. Police "F"; Education "A" v. Prisons "A"; Police "B" v. P.W.D. "A"; Medicals "B" v. Senior Clerical "A"; Police "D" v. Police "E".

Following drew byes:—Senior Clerical "B"; P.W.D. "E"; P.W.D. "D"; Harbour Department, Police "E" and Treasury and Audit.

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By "Rapiet"

AFTER AN INTERVAL OF THREE MONTHS, RACING WILL ON SEPTEMBER 27 AGAIN BECOME THE MAJOR ATTRACTION IN LOCAL SPORT.

THERE IS NO DOUBT THAT THE PONIES HAVE BENEFITTED FROM THEIR WELL-MERITED REST, AND, WITH THE APPROACH OF THE NEXT RACE MEETING, THEY HAVE BEEN PUT THROUGH INTENSIVE TRAINING. MOST OF THE PONIES THAT WERE SENT AWAY HAVE NOW RETURNED, AND IT IS CONFIDENTLY EXPECTED THAT THEY WILL BE IN FINE CONDITION FOR RACING IN GOOD TIME.

During the interval the officials of Hong Kong Jockey Club have been extremely busy in making improvements. A new coat of grass has been laid down almost all round the track, and the Members' Pari-Mutuel counters, which were previously in the middle of the hall, have been moved back towards the wall, replacing the Members' "Daily Double" counter and thus allowing more room to move about in.

Before I proceed to give a few notes on current training, I would like to refer to the loss which racing in particular, and sport in general, will sustain with the departure from this Colony of H.E. the Governor, Sir Geoffrey Northcote, and Lady Northcote. Ever since their arrival in this Colony they have made themselves most popular through the keen interest which they evinced in the various branches of sport. Lady Northcote was the owner of Gladiolus, a China pony, and Devonian, an Australian pony, and had several successes. I am sure I am only voicing the sentiments of my readers when I express the hope that Sir Geoffrey will soon be restored to good health.

Confusion Bay Declining?

I HAVE had several opportunities of watching the morning gallops which have been in progress for some time, and, although it is rather too early at the moment to state anything with any degree of certainty, I trust that the following pointers will serve a useful purpose.

There seems to be something wrong with Confusion Bay, the Champion China Pony. I may be wrong, but observation of this pony in training gives me the impression that it is declining. It has lost some of its fire, and I am afraid that its prospects of retaining the championship are not particularly bright.

Oolong, the Derby winner, and the best of this year's griffins, has evidently benefited from the summer rest and is looking extremely fit. If it can be kept in its present form, it will be hard to beat in the Hong Kong Autumn Champions. O-Lan, Dupont Bay, Hillsboro Bay, Galveston Bay, Odeon and Mount Hope Bay, all of which are always dangerous contenders, are coming along nicely, particularly the last-named, which appears to be slowly but surely regaining its old form after its lameness.

BASKETBALL TO-NIGHT

Two matches in the Open Basketball League will be played at Kowloon Chinese Y.M.C.A. to-night, when Bank Union meet Trojans and Chinese Y.M.C.A. come up against Yu Leang.

Lady Wakehurst Beats Lindrum ---

Many thousands of pounds have been raised for various war funds and charities, and while golf heads the list in Great Britain, billiards and snooker are well in the picture.

Walter Lindrum, too, has been raising thousands for War Funds, and he recently passed the £20,000 mark.

He has been giving fantastic starts to rivals in his charity games, and has, naturally not always been able to beat the self-imposed handicap. For example he conceded 98 in a hundred to Lady Wakehurst, wife of the Governor of New South Wales. She failed to score on her first visit, as did Lindrum. Then Lady

Wakehurst, who declared that she "couldn't play billiards for toffee" scored a table-length cannon and potted the red for a break of 53 which gave her victory by 103 points to 0.

Lindrum has also been sending the world record, under the new baulk line rule, higher and higher. In July, 1940 he set the record at 3,361, when playing against his brother Fred. Last April he made new figures of 3,735 but he has since raised the total to 3,752, an effort which took him three hours.

Another record of his has been the quick-scoring one of 100 points in 38 3/5 secs, beating his own previous best by ten seconds. — Reuter.

ST. LEGER BETTING

Yesterday's call-over for the St. Leger, to be run at Manchester on Saturday, was as follows:

Mazarin 6 to 1 o. 13 to 2 t.
Chateau la Rose, 6 to 1 o. 13 to 2 t.
Owen Tudor, 15 to 2 o. 8 to 1 t.
Suncliffe, 8 to 1 t and o.
Devonian, 9 to 1 t and o.
Royalist, 10 to 1 o. 11 to 1 t.
Bakhtawar, 100 to 9 o. 100 to 8 t.
Orthodox, 100 to 6 o.
Lambert Simmel, 18 to 1 o.
Dancing Time, 20 to 1 o.
Ptolemy 20 to 1 o.
Starwort, 20 to 1 o. 25 to 1 t.
Folous, 22 to 1 o. 25 to 1 t.
Frozedin, 25 to 1 o.
Royal Academy, 33 to 1 o. 40 to 1 t.
Fettes, 33 to 1 o.
Ranger, 100 to 1 o.

There will be further call-overs on Thursday and Friday.—Reuter.

TO-DAY'S TENNIS

Following is to-day's Tennis League programme:—

First Division—S.C.A.A. v C.R.C.; H.K.C.C. v H.K.U.T.C.
Third Division—C.D.R. v A.T.C.; C.R.C. (1) v K.T.G.C.A.; H.K.U.T.C. v K.C.C.; S.C.A.A. v K.I.T.C.

Following are the selected teams:
C.R.C. (2):—W. T. Lee and Y. C. Lu;
K. L. Ho and Y. Y. Lam; O. L. Pang and K. C. Ng.
S.C.A.A.:—B. Szeto and K. Liu; K. H. Ip and W. C. Ho; F. N. Wong and Lam Kwan.

C.R.C. (1):—C. Wei and H. Chung; H. N. Chau and N. C. Tang; K. N. Lee and K. F. Fung.

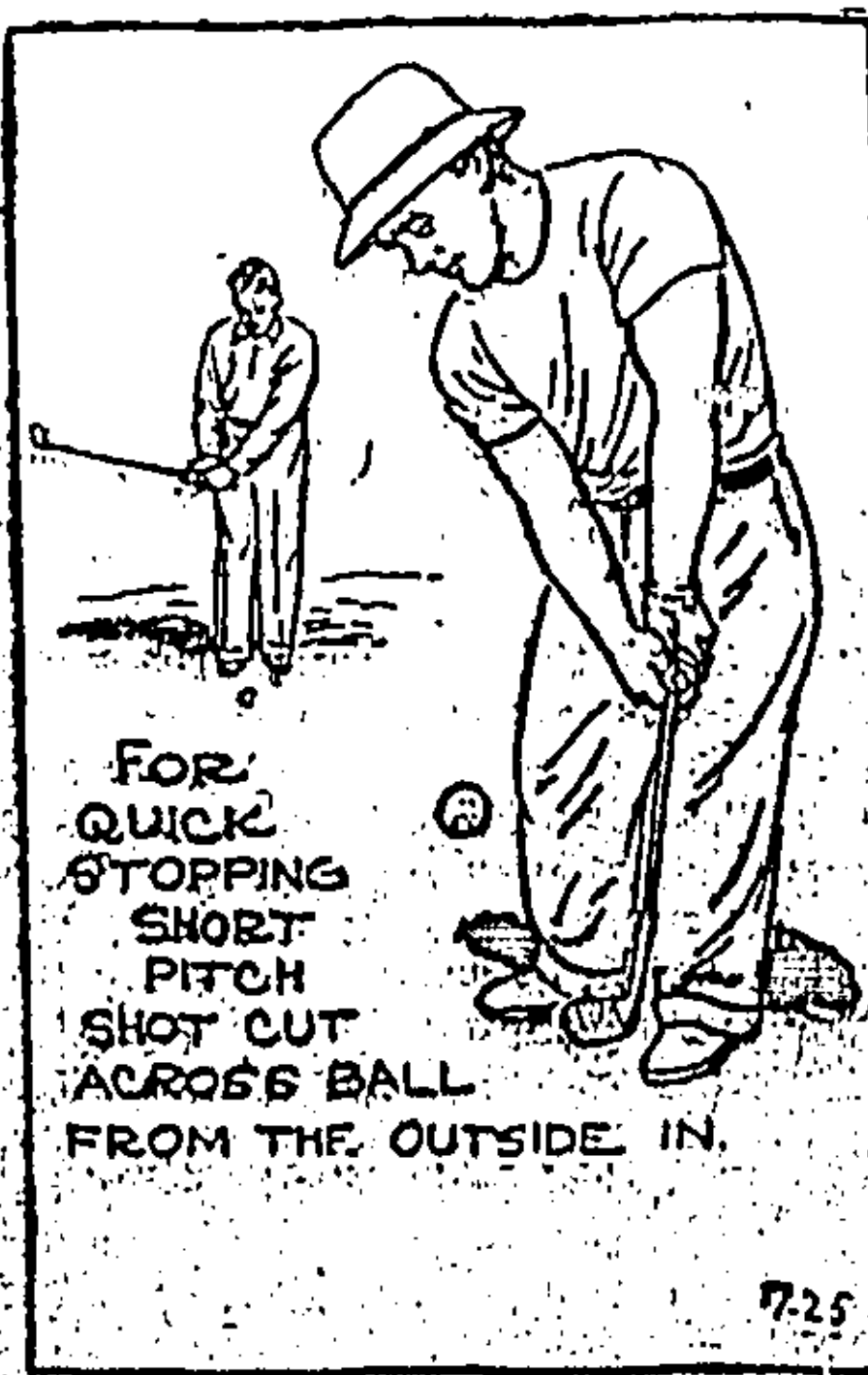
K.T.G.C.A.:—A. H. Basto and S. T. Chan; S. Hsu and L. Chan; D. Kwok and E. Penn.

K.I.T.C.:—S. A. Hussain and H. M. Singh; S. S. Hussain and S. A. M. Sepher; M. Ramzan and G. M. Khan.

Easier Golf

SHORT PITCH SHOT By Best Ball

In addition to the short pitch shot which hits the ball a descending blow, the loft of the clubface adding spin, there is still another method that is in more or less favour among experienced golfers. This is the cut shot, illustrated above, in which the face of the club is opened and on contact with the ball drawn across it from the right to the left. In both instances supple hand and wrist action is



FOR QUICK STOPPING SHORT PITCH SHOT CUT ACROSS BALL FROM THE OUTSIDE IN.

desired. In the cut shot the procedure is expedited by using a slightly open stance, left leg slightly withdrawn from the line of flight. This allows the arms and hands to draw the face of the club-head inward across the ball without hindrance from the left side which is turned aside out of the way.

The backspin and sidespin imparted by such a shot has the capacity of making the ball rise quickly and stop quickly. The ball is inclined to have a slight left to right fade and at the finish bounce a little to the right. Allowance should be made for this when lining up the shot.

GOLF ITEMS

O. E. C. MARTON IN FINE FORM AT ROSE BAY

SKILFUL ROYAL HONG-KONG CLUB PLAYER, O. E. C. MARTON, WAS AGAIN IN FINE FORM AT ROSE BAY, WRITES THE "SYDNEY SUN" OF JULY 27.

He started with a fine drive and a birdie three at the first, and had an eagle three at the 483 yards 15th, in a card of 3 5 3 4 4 5 4 4—38, in 6 4 4 5 3 3 5 4 4—38—74.

SOME of us don't get very far playing in golf tournaments, but we meet a lot of interesting people, writes Richards Vidmar. You've probably met the same types around your own course, for golfers can be classified as distinctively as clubs.

For instance, there is "open champion." He generally plays in the low 80's, but he takes on all the characteristics of a fellow playing for the championship of the world. Even in a friendly match, if he gets some one he can beat easily, he studies every putt from both ends, looks over the texture of the green and wipes off his hands before taking a stance. On the tee he steps up to the ball smartly, fixes his feet just so and holds his pose after hitting the ball.

THEN there is the Jitterbug. His own shadow worries him and if a caddy on the adjoining fairway should move as he makes a shot it is almost worth his life. He is the fellow who asks you to stand somewhere else when he is about to drive. It doesn't matter where you happen to be standing, he just doesn't want you there. He explains almost every shot he misses by the fact that a bird chirped just as he was at the top of his backswing, or a car passed down the road, a quarter of a mile away.

AND perhaps you've seen the consultant. He's a very common type and found frequently in the rough. He always asks you what club you use and then goes into conference with his caddy about what club he should use. He also wants to know if the green slopes to the right or the left when he's two brassie shots away and no matter how often he has played a course he glances at the card on each tee to find out what the yardage of the hole is.

We hope to give you a few more next week.

ARMY BEATEN

Yesterday evening at Sookunpoo Army entertained and lost to South China A.A. in a postponed "B" division League Tennis match by 7½ sets to 1½.

K.B.G.C. WIN AT MING YUEN

Kowloon Bowling Green Club beat Hong Kong Electric Recreation Club by 21 shots in a friendly flood-lit lawn bowls game at Ming Yuen last night.

K.B.G.C.	H.K.E.R.C.
H. Bicknell	A. Edgar
S. C. Walker	A. G. Everett
C. E. Langley	W. E. MacFarlane
L. A. Jordan	A. G. Gardner
(Skip)	19 (Skip)
A. Bower	L. Sykes
G. W. Elphick	G. W. Crawford
O. E. Turpin	R. C. Butler
E. V. Searle	J. F. Lunny
(Skip)	31 (Skip)
J. Hurst	W. E. Baker
W. M. Wilson	R. W. Smith
G. Thompson	J. K. Sloan
C. Willis	A. F. Paul
(Skip)	18 (Skip)
Totals	68 47

POLICE ARE PLAYING ON SATURDAY

Although there are no League Lawn Bowls Fixtures officially arranged for this week-end, Police R.C. have arranged to play-off their Third Division game against Craigengower Cricket Club on the latter's ground.

For this game only one positional change has been made in the Police team, Johnson and Channing, who played Nos. 2 and 3 respectively to Carey last week, exchanging positions.

The Police team is as follows: J. E. Hayward, J. S. Riddell, F. Nolan and J. C. Aitken (skip); A. Suttay, W. M. Smith, J. Orem and J. W. MacDonald (skip); L. C. Pennell, F. Channing, A. Johnson and A. E. Carey (skip). Reserve:—G. E. Wilterton.

Jack Stackpool, University of Washington Varsity full-back, is rated as the hardest full-back to bring down that the Huskies have had since Paul Sullosky. Stackpool is surprisingly fast for his height and weight—he stands six feet one inch and weighs 190 pounds. He is a senior.



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GEN. DENTZ FREED

Exchange Of Prisoners Practically Complete

JAPANESE CABINET FRICTION

The possibility of a Japanese ministerial crisis is envisaged in Japanese quarters in Shanghai, says the Shanghai correspondent of the Independent French agency.

This would be a result of the growing anti-Axis movement at the head of which are said to be the former Foreign Minister, Mr. Matsuoka, the Ambassador in Washington, Admiral Nomura, and the former Commander in China, General Shigeru Honjo.

Should a crisis develop it is regarded as probable that Admiral Nomura would be recalled to become Premier, says the correspondent.

The correspondent adds that observers point out that although Japan has received no response to the representations concerning the despatch of oil to Russia by the United States, Japanese officials refrained from comment.

THIS ATTITUDE IS INTERPRETED AS BEING DUE TO THE JAPANESE GOVERNMENT'S DESIRE TO MAKE EVERY EFFORT TO REACH A MODUS VIVENDI WITH THE UNITED STATES.—REUTER.

ODESSA CLAIM

Rumanian troops have captured the Odessa waterworks, which are outside the city, according to the German official news agency quoted by Reuter.

Doubt About Some French Officers

GENERAL DENTZ, formerly Vichy High Commissioner in Syria, who was held by the British pending the return of Allied prisoners, is to be released, according to the Vichy news agency.

The exchange of French and British prisoners following the events in Syria is practically completed, the agency says.

General Dentz and a certain number of French officers were held as prisoners until a group of British officer prisoners, who had been landed on an Italian island when the plane in which they were being taken to France had to come down, were returned to the British Army.

General Dentz and General Jomnikin and all the French officers will shortly leave Beirut for France, except two generals and a lieutenant-colonel, who will be kept as prisoners until several British officers, who were wounded and are now being treated in French hospitals, are freed.

Free French Officers

Several officials are being held on account of certain Free French officers who were taken prisoner. These officers no longer wish to rejoin the Free French movement.

It is thought they may be able to declare on oath at the U.S. Embassy that they took their decision freely so that it may be possible to liberate the French officials.—Reuter.

BRITAIN'S AIR ACES

There are now 15 squadrons in the Fighter Command which have each shot down more than 100 enemy machines since war began.

Three of these have more than 150 victories to their credit while the leading squadron has accounted for 175 German aircraft.

The Command's leading pilot has destroyed 32 of the enemy while four other pilots have individual bags of over 20.—British Wireless.

Japan Worries Nazis

Anxiety is felt in Germany about Japan's present attitude towards the world situation, according to the Berlin correspondent of the "Basler Nachrichten."

Cause of this anxiety, he says, are reports circulating that Mr. Matsuoka, one of the sponsors of the Tripartite Pact with the Axis, resigned from the post of Foreign Minister in favour of Admiral Toyoda in order to give the latter an opportunity of bringing about a Japanese-American understanding.

It is admitted that Admiral Toyoda has always advocated good relations with the United States.—Reuter.

YOUNG BRITON SENTENCED

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

A youthful Briton, Grant Skinner, was sentenced by Judge Moskop in the British Court in Shanghai to a year's imprisonment on a charge of obtaining sums totalling \$10,400 by false pretences and forging payment orders on the British Consulate. Accused received a lenient sentence under the First Offenders Act.—International News Service.

STOP PRESS

It was authoritatively learned to-day that the Colony's Governor-Designate, Sir Mark Young, has arrived in Singapore. He is expected to reach Hong Kong early next week.

The Japanese consul-general in Manila, Mr. Katsumi Nihro, to-day denied a report from Tokyo to the effect that between 3,500 and 4,000 Japanese in Manila were awaiting ships on which to evacuate to Japan.

He said there was no evacuation though about 100 were awaiting accommodation to return to Japan as a result of the business decline due to the freezing restrictions.—Reuter.

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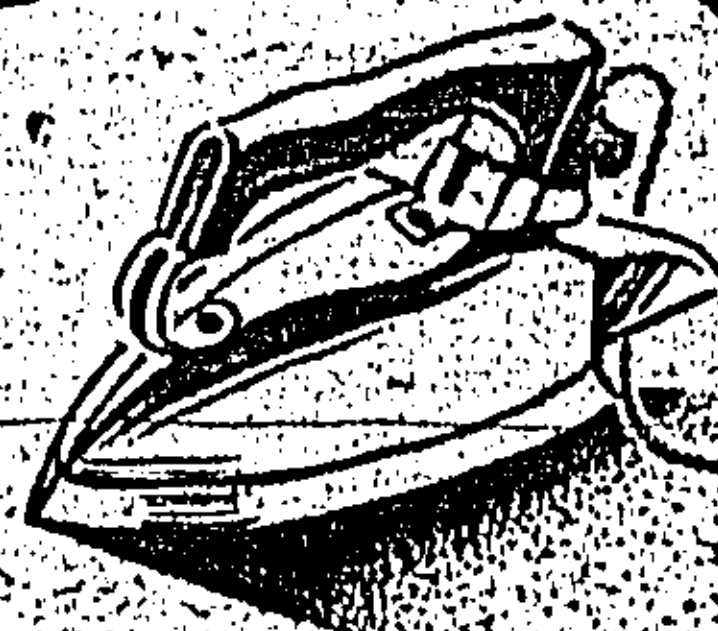
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